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Newton Thursday 25th Sept. 1856

Pursuant to a notice read from the several Evangelical Pulpits, the Young Men of the several Churches interested in the formation of a Young Men's Christian Association met in the Small Vestry of the Eliot Church this evening. The meeting was called to order by D. W. Sykes, and Mr. Wm. S. Perry of the Grace Church appointed president, and Mr. J. H. Sykes of the Eliot Church secretary. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lord of Watertown. Remarks were made by Mr. B. F. Bacon and D. W. Sykes and by Rev. Mr. Lord, as to the object of the meeting, and the expediency of forming a "Young Men's Christian Association"

A List of Churches was called, and it was found that the following Churches were represented.

Eliot Church, at Newton Corner,
Grace Church, at Newton Corner,
Rev. Mr. Furbers at Newton Centre.
The Baptists Church at Watertown,
Phillips Church at Watertown,
Methodist Church at Watertown,

The following resolution was offered by the secretary and unanimously adopted. "Resolved, that the necessary steps be taken toward the formation of a Young Men's Christian Association" On Motion of Mr. H. B. Cobb.

A Committee, of one from each church was appointed by the chair to draw up and report at an adjourned meeting a Constitution, Consisting of the following persons.

Mr. B. F. Bacon	of the Eliot Church	Newton Corner.
Mr. Hoyt	of the Grace Church	Newton Corner.
Mr. Kingsbury	of the Congregational Church	Newton Centre,
Mr. Farnum	of the Baptist Church	Watertown,
Mr. W. G. Ladd Jr.	of the Phillips Church	Watertown,
Dr. Huckins	of the Methodist Church	Watertown,

It was then voted that the secretary notify these persons of their appointment, and also request the Baptist Church of Newton centre, Rev. Mr. Drummond's church of West Newton, and the Baptist church of Newtonville, each to appoint one Young Man to serve on this committee.

A debate followed

between Rev. Mr. Lord and Messrs Ruits, Bancroft, Hooper, Billings, Bacon, Fanner, Cobb, Sykes and Perry as to the propriety of any restriction as to age of members of the association, but it was thought best to leave the matter undecided for the present.

The secretary having resigned, Mr. B. F. Bacon was appointed.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Eight o'clock on Monday Evening October 6th.

O. W. Sykes. Sec

Newton October 6th 1856. Monday.

The adjourned meeting of young men held for the purpose of forming a Christian Association met at the small vestry of the Elliot Church this evening. The meeting was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Mr. C. G. Billings. The report of the Committee chosen to prepare a Constitution was then read by the Secretary, when on motion of Mr. H. G. Cobb it was voted to take it up Article by Article for adoption.

Sec. 5 of Art. 2nd was amended on motion of Mr. Cobb, to read "any young Man of good Moral Character may become an associate Member of this Association by paying One dollar annually, and signing the Constitution. He shall have all the rights and privileges of active members. Eligibility to office only excepted."

Sec. 1st of Art. 3 was amended to read "The Board of Managers of this Association shall consist of a President, Nine Vice Presidents, (one from each church represented in this association) a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Librarian, a Treasurer, and one Director from each church represented in the Association." Sec. 2nd of Art. 3 was stricken out of the Constitution. On motion a committee of one from each Church was chosen to report a list of Officers for the Association and a Preamble to the Constitution. Consisting of Mr L. S. Chase of the Eliot Church. Mr. Bancroft of the Grace Church. Mr Geo. Stone of Mr Furbers church. Mr Wm E. Fanner of the Pastors church of

Watertown. Wm Mayo Fuller of Phillips Church Watertown. Mr. Thurston Butts of the Methodist Church Watertown. Mr. D. C. Sawyer of the Baptist of Newtonville. Mr. Sam Wells of West Newton. Mr. E. White of the Baptist church Newton Centre.

Voted that a vote of thanks be given to the committee chosen to prepare a Constitution.

Voted to adjourn to Monday Evening Oct. 20th at 7½ o'clock. this place.

(Signed) R. F. Bacon, Sec

The above is a true copy of Mr. Bacon's report. J. W. Sykes. Sec.

Newton. Monday Oct. 20th 1856

The Meeting was called to order at the hour appointed. the president Mr. Seavy in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mr. L. E. Chase.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and approved by the meeting. The committee chosen at the last Meeting to prepare a Preamble to the Constitution. and a list of officers for the Association reported through their chairman, Mr. Chase, a Preamble as follows.

"We the Subscribers, desirous of stimulating the piety. and improving the Spiritual, intellectual and Social Condition of Young Men within our influence, also of promoting the growth of Evangelical religion in our midst, by means as appropriate, and in unison with the spirit of the Gospel, do hereby form ourselves into an Association, and agree to adopt for our united government the following Constitution."

They also reported a list of Officers. which list, together with the Preamble was accepted and laid on the Table.

Mr. Butts then moved a reconsideration of Sec. 1st of Art. 5 of the Constitution, and on reconsideration the article was amended so as to provide for two Vice Presidents. instead of one. Sec. 6th of Art. 2 was also reconsidered and amended so as to read as follows. "Life Members may be constituted by the payment of Ten dollars at any one time, subject to the qualifications and restrictions of sections 2 and 3 of this article. Taxation

Exception. Sec. 4th of Art. 4th was reconsidered and amended so as to read as follows. "It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all Moneys due the Association, pay all bills approved by the Finance Committee. Keep a correct account of the same, and report to the Association at least once a year, and to the Directors whenever required by them to do so." Secs 6th and 8th of Art 4th were reconsidered and laid on the Table. Sec. 7th was reconsidered. 6 and 8 were then taken from the Table and with sec. 7th were stricken from the Constitution. The following was inserted as sec. 6th "The Directors shall have the general charge of the property and interests of the Association, shall hold Meetings for the transaction of all necessary business, Monthly, and shall report of the state of the Association, and of their doings, at the Annual Meeting" Art 5th sec. 1st was reconsidered and amended so as to read "All regular Meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and reading of the scriptures, and all Meetings of the Directors shall be opened with prayer." Art. 5. sec. 4. was reconsidered and amended so as to read "Ten members shall constitute a quorum of this Association." The following was inserted as sec. 7th of art. 4th "The President, Vice Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be Ex officio members of the Board of Directors" It was voted that the report of the Committee on the Number of the Constitution, and officers of the Association be taken from the Table. The Number was then unanimously adopted. A Committee was appointed to amend the list of Vice Presidents so it should agree with sec. 1st of Art. 5. On the report of the Committee the Meeting proceeded to ballot for officers, and it was found that the following list, reported by the committee was elected by 17 out of 18 votes, the other being a Blank.

President
William Stevens Perry of Grace Church Newton,
Vice Presidents
Rev'd F. Ruggles of Elliot Church Newton,
Henry Reed of 1st Congregational "

Cor. & Corresponding Secretary
Charles E. Billings of Elm Church Newton.
Recording Secretary
James M. Sykes. of Elm Church Newton.
Treasurer
F. W. Kingsley of 1st Congregational Newton,
Librarian
John Gardy of Grace Church Newton,
Directors.
Lemuel E. Chase. of Elm Church Newton.
Wm B. Hooper. of Grace Church Newton,
Geo F. Stone. of 1st Congregational Newton,
Eben White, of 1st Baptist ch. Newton,
Sam C Wells. of 2d Congregational Newton,
Wm F. Vose. of Baptist ch Newtonville.
H. M. Worcester. of Baptist ch. Waltertown.
W. H. Dadmun. of Methodist ch. Waltertown,
W. G. Ladd Jr. of Phillips ch. Waltertown.

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to examine the constitution. The Chair appointed Geo Sykes. Bacon and Cobb. Voted that the Board of Directors make arrangements for a public meeting, and also report at the next meeting as to the regular meetings of the Association. Adjourned to Monday Evening Nov. 5 at 7½ o'clock.

(Signed) E. J. Bacon, Sec

The above is a true copy of Mr. Bacons report. J. W. Sykes. Sec

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Newton Monday. Nov. 5 1855

No quorum being present no business could be transacted except to adjourn for one week. to Monday Evening, 10th Nov. at 7½ o'clk

J. W. Sykes. Sec

Boston Monday Nov. 10th 1856

The meeting was called to order at the hour appointed, the President, Mr Berry, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mr Stone. after which the record of the last meeting was read by the secretary and approved by the meeting. The committee on the constitution reported through Mr B. F. Bacon, that they had attended to their duties and had examined the Constitution. They recommend that Sec. 5th of art 3. be stricken from the Constitution, that Sec. 1st of art. 4th be amended so as to read "the President, Vice Presidents the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, the Treasurer and the Librarian shall be Ex officio members of the Board of Directors". and also to insert as Sec. 8th of art. 4th "The Board of Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their number." With these amendments the committee recommended that the Constitution be adopted as a whole.

The report was accepted, and the amendments adopted. Mr. Rust moved that art. 1st of the constitution be amended by. Striking out the words "and Watertown". he advocated his Motion in a few remarks. Mrs Chase and Billing were willing to adopt the amendment, unless it should create an unpleasant feeling on the part of our Watertown friends, Mr J. S. Potter thought best to amend as proposed, and called for the question. The amendment was adopted by one vote.

On motion of Mr. Chase, Sec. 1st of art. 5th was reconsidered but then appearing no necessity of an amendment it was readopted. A letter of resignation from Mr Henry Paul was read by the Secretary. On motion of Mr Potter the Constitution was adopted as a whole. On motion of Mr. Billing. Mr. Paul's resignation was accepted, and on motion of Mr Hooper the chair appointed Mrs Hooper and Bacon a Committee to report the name of some person to be balloted for as Vice President in place of Mr Paul. While the Committee was out on motion of the secretary it was voted to adjourn at 9 o'clock to Monday Evening Nov. 17th at 7½ o'clock.

Mr. Jno. Sandy declined to serve as Librarian as he will soon leave town. The Committee appointed to report

a name for the vacant Presidency, & upon the first of Mr. W. S. Tarnell and on a ballot Mr Tarnell was unanimously Elected. A ballot was then taken for a Librarian and Mr Henry S. Cobb was declared Elected. Mr Cobb declined, and on a second ballot Mr. J. J. Porter was Elected by one Majority, and on Motion of Mr. Chase the vote was made unanimous. On Motion of Mr. B. F. Bacon it was voted that the next meeting be a prayer Meeting, and that all business be deferred, [illegible] On Motion of the Secretary the Directors who may be present at their next meeting, whether a Majority of the Board or not, were instructed to proceed with the transaction of the business committed to them.

On Motion of Mr. Billings adjourned to this place as before agreed.

J. M. Sykes Sec

Newton Nov 17th 1856. Monday Eve

The meeting was called to order at 7 3/4 o'clock the President, Mr Perry in the chair. Three quarters of an hour were devoted to devotional Exercises. The Hymn

"Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

"Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these trifling toys!
Our Souls can neither fly nor go,
To reach Eternal joys.

"Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Come, shed abroad a Saviors love,
And that shall kindle ours."

was sung, and the President read the 17th Chapter of Johns Gospel, Mr B. F. Bacon in prayer, after

the blessing of God upon us. and on the young men of the village. not
Christian. that they might be led to Christ. The Pastor in a few
remarks, expressed his sense of the propriety of a Devotional meeting. It
was fitting back for Gods blessing upon us, we all knew how some of
our churches had been blessed. and though now the spirit had perhaps
left us, yet in answer to earnest prayer we might grasp it again,
and if we have Gods blessing upon us. if his spirit should return to
our midst. our hearts. our friends and acquaintances. our churches
and Congregations, we should find that we had not labored in vain.
then Hymn

"Savior source of every blessing,
Tune my heart to grateful lays;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for ceaseless songs of praise.

Thou didst seek me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
Thou to save my soul from danger,
Didst redeem me with thy blood.

Be thy hand natured, defended,
Safe through life, thus far I've come;
Safe, O Lord, when life is ended,
Bring me to my heavenly home."

Then came Mr. Chase
in prayer asked for Gods blessing upon the Association. that we might
be earnest in his cause. that the blessing be poured upon us. and our
hearts be quickened. and we labor earnestly. Mr. Billings was glad
we had a prayer meeting. and though he might have come to it cold. yet
a warm brother at his side, must warm him. It was now for us to take
part here, it must prepare us for speaking in larger meetings. besides we
should speak that we might quicken others. We must take Christ
for our standard. Doubt we can for the glory of God. and so live
and so act that from a dying bed we can look back on our life
with pleasure and satisfaction. Mr Kingsbury asked for the Spirit
in each heart, that we might so live as to gain heaven at last. the Hymn

"Jesus lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the billows near me roll, While the Tempest still is high,
Hide me, O my Savior hide. Till the storm of life is past,
Safe into the haven guide. Receive my soul at last.

"Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me,
All my trust in thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head, With the shadow of thy wing."

Was sung, Mr. — asked for the Spirit upon us all, and that we might be an Light shine, that our hearts might be knit together in love, that we might go forward in the objects of the Association hand in hand. Mr. Stone was not disappointed in respecting a good meeting. he hoped we should go forward. if we come together in the right spirit we shall have a blessing, we shall Exercise an influence upon our towns, we shall increase in number and if we feel the interest we should feel, we shall succeed. He hoped this might be a union of hearts as well as a union of Churches.

Mr Farmer was pleased to meet with the young men to ask for Gods blessing. he loved to retire after the toil of the day. to pray with brethren. he always found them an elevating and strengthening spirit. he was raised above the world, and strengthened for its trials and duties. Mr. Sykes said we should always remember the love of Christ. He had done much for us, and would yet do much more, let us bathe in that love, and under its influence go forward in our duties. Christ had raised us up from the miry pit, and would yet raise us up to Heaven. Mr Farmer prayed that God would bless us, and fire our hearts with love to Christ. The President in a Closing prayer, asked that we might be pardoned for what we had asked amiss, and the things we need, and have not asked for might be given us. and that at last we might be blessed in Heaven.

At 8.35. the minute of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Directors through Mr. B. F. Bacon made the following report. "The Directors at their meeting on Saturday Evening Nov. 15th after discussion voted to recommend to the Association that no public meeting be held at present.

It was also voted to recommend the following meetings, On the first Monday Evening of each month a prayer Meeting,
On the second " " " " a meeting for discussion
on the third " " " " a Bible class,
On the fourth " " " " reading of

Compositions, and two lectures of ten to twenty minutes each.

And that a committee of three be appointed to take charge of these meetings, report the order of exercises, questions for discussion, portions of scripture for the consideration of the Bible class, and persons to prepare Lectures and compositions." The report was accepted and on motion of Mr. Chase was denied, and the portion referring to a public meeting was adopted. In reference to the second part, the President named have prepared more exercises of a devotional character, but Mr. Billings said the object was to draw in young men, and there are some who will not come to a prayer meeting or Bible class, and will come to a discussion. We should pursue such a course as will bring these persons to our meetings. Mr. Potter wished to know what kind of questions are to be discussed. The President suggested any proper question. Mr. Bridgman moved that the second part of the report be adopted. Mr. Billings wished it amended by striking out the lectures. The President named prefer that the fourth Monday Evening should be a Conversation meeting, and be left with some degree of latitude. Mr. Bacon agreed with the President. Mr. Potter moved that the lectures be stricken out. Mr. Chase was in favor of the Lectures, and some restriction as to time. Mr. Billings wished the programme amended in some way, and Mr. Bridgman wished no restriction as to time, or length of the Lectures. On motion of the Secretary the exercises of the fourth Monday Evening were refered to the Committee of three to be appointed, and the report thus amended was adopted.

The Committee, recommended by the Directors, was appointed, consisting of Messrs Perry, Billings and Kingsbury. Mr. B. F. Bacon moved that a Committee, of two from each church, be appointed to confer with their several Pastors, and request them to deliver lectures before the Association, refered to the Directors.

At 9 o'clock Adjourned.

O. W. Topliff

Sec

Newton Monday Dec. 1st 1856

The meeting was called to order at 7½ by the President Mr. Perry, one hour was devoted to devotional exercises. and at 8½. the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Committee having charge of the meetings reported as follows.

"Your Committee would report as the question for debate at the meeting on Monday evening next the following

'Which has been the most abused since the settlement of this Country, the negro, or the Indian'? the committee appoint as disputants. Affirmative, Mrs. Farnum, and Kingsbury. Negative, Mrs. Sykes and Billings. They would further recommend the following order of Exercises on that occasion. Reading of the Scriptures, Prayer, Reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Election of members, and such other business as may come before the meeting. Appointments for debate lectures &c. &c. Debate. The Committee would further recommend as the subject for study on the part of the class of Biblical literature – The life of St. Paul. and would assign as the lesson for the first meeting of the class on next Monday week – the Scriptural account of the Youth of the Apostle. as found in the Acts and Epistles.

They would further recommend for the fourth Monday evening of Each Month. a variety of Exercises. differing at different times. They feel that a social reunion of the members of the Association would be desirable. proffering to all its members, as well as to any other young men who may be disposed to attend, an opportunity for Mutual introduction, Individual Conversation and the renewal of past friendships. or the extension of our circle of acquaintance. In connection with these more informal Meetings. they would also provide for the occasional delivery of lectures and Essays. on various subjects. by members of the Association,

for systematic conversations on the subjects brought before us in these lectures and Essays. or specially furnished from the topics of interest of the day. and for those freer and more general assemblings at the homes of our members, which may serve to take the place of other and more objectionable Amusements.

Your Committee feel that in the brief space of time they have had these matters under consideration. they have not

failed in bringing out all the various plans of usefulness which may properly belong to their province. They have, however, as new wants developed themselves to be able with increasing ability to meet them all. By adding to the wisdom of others an accumulation of Experience of our own. We may be Enabled to combine varied Entertainment with moral and mental improvement."

The Secretary then read a report, or communication, from the Directors announcing the Election of Messrs Potter. Bacon and Knighton as a Finance Committee. and also the following Resolution which the Board recommend the Association to adopt.

"Resolved. That we consider it for the true interests of all Young Christians. no less than for the interests of our Association, that all unite with us. and that we as members will use our best endeavors to make known the objects and purposes." Mr Butts. Mr. Bacon and Mr Billings wished all present with us. and now in favor of the adoption of the resolution. On motion of Mr Bridgman it was adopted. On Motion of Mr. Billings, the President was requested to make known, the week before each prayer meeting, the portion of Scripture. to be read. that members might have opportunity to prepare themselves.

at 8.15. adjourned.

J. W. Symmes

Newton Monday Ev. 8th Dec. 1856

The meeting was called to order at 7.35. Prayer offered by the President Mr Perry. The record of the last meeting was read and approved. The Committee having charge of the meetings. divided the subjects for the next meeting. and allotted the parts as follows,

To Mr. B. F. Bacon. General information in regard to the Parentage and Early Education of St. Paul.

To Mr. L. A. Knighton. Information in regard to the Education of Youth generally. Had Paul a profession?

To Mr. L. D. Chase. Information in regard to the different religions prevalent in the days of Paul. and the Apostles,

To Mr. E. T. Billings. General lecture until his conversion.

The Committee reported as the question for the next debate one month from this Evening. "Whether the action of the late San Francisco Vigilance Committee was justifiable" and appointed as disputants in the Affirmation. Mr. Bridgman and Potter. on the Negative. Mr. Bacon and Lyman.

The President then stated the question for debate this Evening to be "Which has been the most abused since the settlement of this County. the Negro or the Indian"; the question was ably argued in the Affirmation by Mr. Kingsbury. Bacon. Bridgman Butts. Symms. Withington and E. T. Billings. and in the negative by Mr. Sykes. C. E. Billings. Chase and Perry.

at 9.40 o'clock the Question was taken on the merits of the question. and decided affirmation 7. negation 5. on the merits of the debate affirmation 4. negation 4. The President not voting.

adjourned at 9.45.

E. W. Sykes
Sec

Newton Monday Ev. Dec. 15th 1856

The meeting was called to order at 7.30. the President Mr. Perry in the chair. Mr. C. E. Billings was appointed Secretary Pro. Tem. Prayer was read by the President, and a portion of Scripture was read.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved the meeting was declared open for any business. The committee having Charge of writing a paper as follows. "for Monday Evening Dec 22. a Lecture by the President. subject. The Missions, and Missionary Spirit of the Middle ages" Critic C. E. Billings. after which the meeting will be open for Social Conversation. The exercises of the Bible Class were opened by Mr. B. F. Bacon who gave a general history of the Parentage and early life of St. Paul. described his birth place and followed him through his boyhood until we find him at Jerusalem at the feet of Gamaliel. Mr. Chase read an interesting account of the three prominent religions prevalent in days of Christ. Mr. E. T. Billings gave a general history of Paul until his conversion. Mr. Perry read an account of the probable road taken by Paul from Tarsus to Jerusalem. Mr. Butts

remarked that Paul was one of those men who are born, not made, one of those earnest, persevering men, with untiring zeal in the cause they espoused.

The Committee reported for the meeting one Month from date the following Exercises

"Subject Saul a persecutor, dividing the subject as follows

1st To Mr Stone,
Sauls Connection with the death of St. Stephen - Is it probable that Saul was a member of the Sanhedrim? at the time of the Condemnation of St Stephen.

2d To Mr. Potter,
The Sanhedrim. its numbers. origin. power at home & authority in foreign Cities, Was the Execution of St. Stephen legall, or the action of a popular Mob?

3d To Mr Symms,
The Persecution which followed the death of St. Stephen Acts. VIII. 1.4. Sauls Connection with it. Acts VIII 3; IX. 1 2, Was it on the whole beneficial to the church? did it increase its Members & spread a knowledge of its doctrines - Had Christ perfect persecution of the church.

4th To Mr Kingsbury
The Journey to Damascus. the nature of Sauls Commission the route taken. the cities passed through. and incidents of interest Connected therewith

5th Mr Potter,
The Change. the conversion of Saul its attendant circumstances its value as a portion of Christian evidence."
at 9. to adjourned.

C. E. Billings
Sec, Pro Tem.

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Newton Monday Ev. Dec. 22d 1856

The meeting was called to order at 7.35 by the President. A portion of Scripture was read and prayer was offered by the President. Notice was given of a meeting of the Board of Directors next Monday Evening at 7¼ o'clock at this place. After which there being no other business to come before the meeting the President proceeded to deliver an entertaining and instructive Lecture upon the "Missions and Missionary Spirit of the Middle Ages." After the Lecture was criticised by the Critic Mr. E. Billings. remarks were made on topics suggested by the Lecture by Messrs. Sykes. Billings and Pierson.

The Committee appointed at Lecturer one month from this evening Mr. Butts and as critic for that evening Mr. Symms.

The Committee also reported that the meeting next Monday Evening should be a prayer Meeting. and the President gave notice that the portion of Scripture for Consideration would be the fifty third chapter of Isaiah.

At 8.55 adjourned

E. B. Sykes
Secretary

Newton Monday Ev. Dec. 29th 1856

The meeting was called to order at 7¼ o'clock. Mr R. H. Bacon in the Chair. Orchestra was devoted to devotional Exercises. At 8.50 the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The committee reported that the next Meeting (on Monday next) be a prayer meeting. Mr. Bridgman and Mr. Bacon thought best to adjourn over next Monday, but it was finally decided that the report be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Potter. The Secretary was instructed

provide printed notices of each meetings. and have them posted in the different churches. and such other places as he may see fit. The Secretary having mentioned that the Ladies intend visiting some of our meetings. an animated discussion took place. Mr. Knighton moved that we extend to them an invitation to attend all our meetings. Except the meeting for debate. This was decided in the negative by the casting vote of the President, Mr. Bacon. And it was decided that no invitation be extended to the Ladies. but that they be received if they see fit to come.

at 9.15 adjourned.

O. W. Sykes
Secretary

Newton January 5th 1857 Monday.

This Meeting was called to order at 7.40 by Mr. B. F. Bacon. who presided in the absence of the President. an hour was devoted to prayer and exhortation. after which, on motion of Mr. L. Chase, it was voted that no business be transacted. and that in future no business be transacted on those evenings devoted to prayer. at 8.55 adjourned

O. W. Sykes.
Secretary.

Newton Monday January 12th 1857

This Meeting was called to order. at 7.40 by the Vice President Mr. B. F. Bacon. After reading of a portion of Scripture. and prayer by the Secretary. the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There being no business before the meeting. the Association proceeded to discuss the question "Was the action of the late San Francisco Vigilance committee justifiable!"

The question was ably sustained in

the affirmative by Mess. Bridgeman. Potter. Sykes. Kingsbury, Butts and Stone. and in the Negative by Mess. Bacon. Symms and E. Billings. A few moments past nine o'clock the question was taken on the merits of the question with the following result. affirmative 7. Negative 2. on the merits of the Arguments. affirmative 4. negative 2.

The committee reported as the question for the debate, on the evening of the second Monday in February, the following "Do Public holy days exert a beneficial influence upon Mankind generally?" and appointed as disputants. in the affirmative Mess. L. A. Kingsbury and E. Billings. in the Negative Mess. G. F. Stone and Wm. Stetson.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury that hereafter our meetings close at nine o'clock, unless continued by a direct vote of the members present.

And it was also voted, on Motion of Mr. E. Billings that in future debates, members be restricted to ten minutes.

At 9.15 adjourned

O. W. Sykes
Secretary

No meeting on Monday Evening
January 19th on account of the weather.

Newton Monday January 26th 55.

The meeting was called to order at 7.45 The President, Mr. Fern in the Chair. A portion of Scripture was read, and after Prayer by the President the Secretary read the record of the last Meeting. The committee reported as Lecturer for the fourth Monday in February, J. W. Sykes, and for Critic L. A. Kingsbury, and reported as the portion of Scripture for Consideration next Monday Evening. the 35 Verse of the 16th Chap. of St. John's Gospel. There being no further business before the Meeting, Mr. Butts proceeded to deliver an interesting Lecture upon The Indian Mounds, after the report of the Critic Mr. Symms. the Meeting adjourned at 8.30.

O. W. Sykes
Secretary

Newton Monday Ev. February 2. 1857

The Association was called to order at 7.40. by Vice Pres. B. F. Bacon. The evening was devoted entirely to devotional Exercises. Mr. Bacon announced as the portion of Scripture for the prayer Meeting in March the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes.

At 8.45 adjourned.

O. W. Sykes.
Secretary

Newton Monday Evening February 9th 1857.

The meeting was called to order at 7¼. the President Mr. Perry in the chair. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayer offered by the President, after which the report of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The committee reported as the question for the Debate on Monday Evening March 9th "Is Knowledge power?" and appointed as disputants on the affirmative Messrs J. O. Butts Jr. and J. S. Withington. on the Negative. O. F. Kingsbury and W. S. Perry. There being no business before the meeting, the Association proceeded to discuss the question "Do public holidays exert a beneficial influence upon mankind generally?" The Affirmative was ably sustained by Messrs. O. F. Kingsbury. E. T. Billings. B. F. Bacon. J. O. Butts Jr. and L. E. House. the negative by Messrs. E. F. Stone. W. Etheridge. O. W. Sykes and A. L. Symmes. At 8.50 the question was taken on the merits of the question, with the following result. Aff. 7. Neg. 3. on the merits of the Arguments Aff. 4. Neg. 4. The President gave notice that the Directors meeting would be on next Monday evening at 7¼ o'clock. Adjourned at 8.55

O. W. Sykes.
Secretary

Newton Monday Ev. February 16th 1857

There being no quorum present, nothing was done except to adjourn for one week.

O. W. Sykes,
Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. February 23d 1857

The meeting was called to order at 7 3/4. The President Mr. Perry in the Chair. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayer was offered by the President, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved.

There being quite an audience present, the President made a few remarks as to the objects of the Association, read a programe of the meetings to be held during the coming month, and invited those present to attend any and all of the meetings. The committee reported as Lecturer for the fourth Monday Evening in March Mr. Benj. F. Bacon, and as Critic for that occasion Mr. G. F. Stone. There being no business before the Association, the President introduced as Lecturer for this Evening O. W. Sykes, who delivered a Lecture on "The true Glory of New England". After hearing the report of the Critic, Mr. L. E. Chase, the meeting adjourned at 8.50

O. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening March 2d 1857

The Association was called to order at 7.55 by the President, Mr. Perry. It being the first Monday Evening in the month, the Evening was devoted entirely to devotional Exercises.

At 8 1/4 adjourned.

O. W. Sykes
Secretary —

Newton Monday Ev. March 9th 1885.

The Association was called to order at 7.40 by the President. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayer offered after which the record of the previous meeting was read.

The President stated the question for discussion to be, "Is knowledge power?" The Affirmative was well sustained by Messrs. Butts, Withington, Symms, Bridgman, Eshpar, Holman and Case, and the negative by Messrs Sykes and Perry. The question was decided, on its merits — aff. 8. neg. —. On the merits of the arguments. aff. 8. neg —. The Committee announced as the question for the debate on Monday Evening April 13th the following. "Was the treatment of the Indians by our forefathers, justifiable?" and appointed as disputants on the affirmative, Messrs E. Billings, and F. Murdock on the negative Messrs. G.W. Bacon and J.W. Bridgman.

At 9.10 Adjourned

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. March 16th 1885.

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Perry, the President at 7.40. A portion of Scripture was read and prayer offered after which the record of the last meeting was read. The President introduced the subject of the meeting, as "Saul a persecutor." and called on Mr. E. F. Billings for a report on the origin of the Sanhedrin. Mr. B. gave a brief history of the origin of the Sanhedrin, its numbers, rules of membership, customs, power of members. The Sanhedrim interpreted the law, and wielded supreme power in religious matters. It possessed Judicial, but not executive, power. As to the execution of Stephen, he supposed it was the action of a mob.

Mr Symms said that Saul took an active part in the death of Stephen. his zeal in the work was so great that he went about from house to house. This persecution was beneficial to the church. scattering its members. causing them to depend upon God. and not upon man, and spreading the Gospel. thus increasing the number of believers. Christ had foretold persecution. We as Christians should ask ourselves if we have the spirit those early Christians had. if we could endure this. We should be thankfull that we live where we can worship under our own vine and fig tree. with none to molest, or to make us afraid.

Mr Kemp. read of the Journey to Damascus. We know not the route. or how Saul travled. perhaps it is well we do not know. There are two roads from Jerusalem to Damascus. one of which Saul must have travelled. He also read an interesting description of the city of Damascus.

Mr C.E. Billings thought the conversion of Saul was a peculiar, but not a solitary case. Many are instantly convinced of sin. thus showing the working of the same power which converted Saul. The Conversion of Saul was real. he prayed in truth, and Conscientiously sought for the will of God. and followed it, so we should follow his example. giving all our powers. making God's will the end and aim of our lives. It is strange that we permit ourselves to be so engrossed in this worlds affairs. when we know that life is short. It is movie thus to forget our end. Sauls Example should be impressed upon our minds. We should apply his principle to ourselves.

Mr Kemp said that Saul not only had inward conviction, but also outward perception of Jesus. he saw the Lord. Saul was an apostle called by God. Selected by Jesus. Directly and immediately called. Christ appeared to make him a witness.

Mr Symms thought

that the doctrine held by some, that it makes no difference what a man believes, so he be but sincere in it. was refuted by the history of the conversion of Saul. before this event we knew that Saul was sincere, and yet he was wrong. Mr. Chase found in the life of Paul an impetuous energy. we admire the energetic man. here is a lesson for us. are we energetic in our pleasures. in our business. why not bring the same energy into our religion, as did Saul. We profess to be new men. to have a new purpose. why then do we not labor with all our might.

Saul was converted when most strenuous in his opposition. he was then shown that God rules. why should we be discouraged when others are most obstinate. perhaps even now they may be converted. Mr. Warner considers Saul preeminent among the characters of the new Testament, as next to the character of Christ. Paul was not an impostor. Lord Littleton undertook to disprove Christianity by writing on the life of Paul. and while thus doing. was converted to God. He became convinced that Paul was not deceived. Paul forsook all and followed Christ. He was willing to suffer and to bear. that he might finish his course with joy. Paul's life is worthy of the closest study. Mr. Ray said that not only Lord Littleton, but also his friend Gilbert West was converted when trying to disprove the Doctrines of Christianity. and the wiles of the two men were bound together and turned against infidelity.

The Committee reported as the subject for consideration on Monday Ev. April 20th "Paul as a Convert and Missionary." and divided the subject as follows. To Mr L.E. Chase. The Baptism of Saul. His first preaching in Damascus. The effect of Saul's preaching on his old associates. To what were they be likely to attribute the change. The retirement into Arabia. Religious associations connected with that country. How long

did he remain, and how, probably, was this interval of time spent.

To Mr. F. N. Kingsbury. The return to Damascus. The Conspiracy and Escape. The fortnight spent with St. Peter at Jerusalem. The Expulsion from Jerusalem, Paul among the scenes of his boyhood.

To Mr. E. Billings. Paul brought to Antioch by Barnabas. Antioch, its history and situation. Paul sent to Jerusalem the mission there, and his return.

To Mr. J. W. Sykes. The choice of Missionary Labourers. Had the missionary spirit in the church previously developed itself. How was Paul peculiarly fitted by Nature for the missionary work. The departure, the voyage to Cyprus, and the conversion of Sergius Paulus.

To Mr. G. E. Butts, Jr. The ~~Narrative~~ Jewish names, their history & significance &c. The change of Saul's name to Paul. Was it in memory of his noble convert, or had he had both names from childhood.

To Mr. J. S. Withington. The narrative of the Journey Continued. Marks return from the work to Jerusalem. The probable reasons of his withdrawal. Did his subsequent career prove him a faithful soldier of Christ? Was Paul subsequently reconciled to him? Labours on the Continent. Antioch in Pisidia, its site and history, the preaching of the Apostles in the Synagogue, and the opportunities offered by the presence of the Synagogues in the cities of Asia for the introduction of Christianity.

To Mr. J. A. Bacon. The narrative of the Journey Concluded. Labours at Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. The healing of the cripple & its attendant Circumstances. If the Apostles had the gift of tongues at their will, or wholly under their control. Why were they not the earlier made aware of the design to offer sacrifices to them. Paul stoned. The references to their persecutions in the Epistles. The return to Syria.

The Committee also gave notice that the term "Forefathers" in the question for discussion on Monday Ev. April 13th must be understood as applying to the Settlers of the New England Colonies. At the request of Mr. F. Maydock, Mr. Chase was appointed disputant instead of himself, on the occasion of the next debate.

Adjourned at 9.18.

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. March 23d 1857.

The Association was called to order at 7.40 by Mr. Perry the President. After reading of a portion of Scripture and prayer, the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. The committee appointed as Lecturer for Monday Evening April 27th Mr. L. A. Kingsbury, and for Critic Mr. J. W. Bridgman.

Notice was given of a meeting of the Board of Directors next Monday Evening at 7 o'clock, and that the meeting for Prayer will commence at 8 o'clock.

In consequence of the Annual Parish meeting occurring on Monday Ev. April 13, the Debate was announced for April 6th. On motion of Mr. Chase it was voted "That the Committee on Rooms, appointed by the Directors, be requested to Estimate the probable Cost of a Suitable platform and Desks, for the use of the Association, also of Curtains for the windows, and of Carpeting the floor of this room, and also that they be requested to confer with the Parish Committee and ascertain on what terms they will grant us the exclusive use of this room. And report at the next meeting for Debate." There being no other business before the Association, the

President introduced the Lecturer for the Evening, Mr. B. F. Bacon, who proceeded to deliver a most instructive lecture addressed to Young Men, pointing out many advantages they possessed, Dangers for them to shun, and Amusements which the Speaker would warn them of. Closing by advising them to make the Bible their guide. After the report of the Critic, Mr. D. F. Stone, a few remarks were made Commending the Lecture, by Mr. Richard Sykes.

Mr. J. A. Bacon thought Sufficient time should be allowed to the Lecturer to make it short. and on Motion of Mr. J. D. Butts Jr. the Lecture committee were instructed to Appoint Mr. J. N. Bacon as Lecturer for Monday Ev. May 25th.

Adjourned at 9 o'clock

D. W. Sykes

Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. March 30th 1857.

The regular monthly Devotional Meeting was held this Evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, and Closing at 9. Remarks were made by Mrs. Bacon, Chas. Sykes, E. Billings, Withington, Bridgeman, Symms, and Warner,

D. W. Sykes,

Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. April 6th 1857.

No Meeting this Evening, on account of the Recent storm the Debate postponed until the Second Monday Eve. in May,

D. W. Sykes

Secretary

Newton Monday Ev. April 20th 1857

No meeting this Evening, on account of the severe storm, the Bible Class postponed until the third Monday Evening in May.

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening. April 27th 1857.

The Association was called to order at 7.45 by the President, who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The record of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Mr. L. Billings moved that the 6th section of the 5th article of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows "The Directors shall have the general charge of the property, and interests, of the Association; shall hold meetings for the transaction of business, as often as may be necessary; and shall report of the state of the Association, and of their doings, at the annual meeting." And he requested that a vote be taken on this amendment four weeks from this Evening.

On Motion of Mr. L. D. Chase, the following persons were unanimously Elected Honorary Members of the Association, Rev. J. S. Green, of the Grace church. Rev. J. W. Wellman of the Eliot church, Newton Corner; Rev. D. L. Furber of the Congregational Church, and Rev. O. S. Stearns of the Baptist Church, Newton Centre.

On Motion of Mr. Chase, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to Correspond with other Associations, of like Character, such as may come under his knowledge.

There being no further business before the Association, the President introduced Mr. L. A. Kingsbury, who proceeded to deliver a very instructive Lecture upon "Natural Philosophy." The lecture was very interesting, and was received by a large Audience with marked favor. After an amusing criticism by Mr. J.

W. Bridgman. the President announced as Lecturer for May 25th Mr. C. E. Billings. and for Critic Mr. J. B. Burts Jr.

Adjournment at 8.40

D. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening May 4th 1857.

The regular Monthly Prayer meeting, was held in the Ladies Vestry of the Elliot Church. this Evening. commencing at 7.35. The meeting was conducted by the President of the Association Mr. Perry. Remarks were made. on prayer offered by each of the following persons. Mr. Perry: Rev. J. W. Hellmuth: L. E. Chase: C. E. Billings: D. W. Sykes: B. F. Bacon: Mr. White, of Newton Centre: E. T. Billings: John Smallwood: Richard Sykes: and Dea. E. Woodard. A good Spirit was manifested. and the meeting was quite interesting.

D. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening May 11th 1857.

The Association was called to order at 7.50 by the President Mr. Perry. After the reading of a portion of Scripture, and a prayer, the record of the Meeting of April 27th was read. and approved. The Secretary read the following letter. received by him,

"Newton Corner April 29th 1857. Dear Sir. I have received your note Communicating My Election as an Honorary Member of the "Newton U. M. Christian Association." Please to convey to the Ass.n My thanks for the honor. and the Expression of my Earnest wishes that the Ass.n may prove an instrument of doing much for the cause of Christ, in our Town. Respectfully Yours. J. S. Copley Greene" "To J. W. Sykes. Sec. N. U. M. C. A."

The Committee appointed March 28th reported through its Chairman. Mr. Perry. as follows. "Your Committee would

respectfully report. that they have secured the use of the rooms now occupied by the Association, with but trifling limitations, and through the generosity of the Ebro Society. they have received Assurances that the Expense of the same will be merely sufficient to cover the cost of light and fuel, Conditional upon our furnishing and Carpeting the room. With reference to a Carpet, they would recommend the procuring of a neat and substantial article. and they think that one suitable in every way, may be procured at an Estimated Expense of forty five Dollars,

The Expense of a Desk and platform would be but trifling, and there would add much to the appearance of the room.

They therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee with full powers to act in this matter, at the Earliest possible day." This report was accepted. and after discussion the whole matter was referred to a new Committee. consisting of Mr. Sykes. Chase and Porter. with instructions to report in two weeks.

On Motion of Mr. B. F. Bacon it was voted Unanimously that the Rev. J. W. Willman be requested to repeat his Fast day discourse, before the Association. at such time and place as he may select.

On Motion of Mr. E. Billings it was Voted that hereafter the meetings of the Association Commence punctually at 7¾ o'clock. and on Motion of Mr. Butt. the rule whereby all Exercises Must close at 9 o'clock. was rescinded.

There being no further business before the Association, the President Announced as the question for discussion. the following. "Was the treatment of the Indians by our New England forefathers justifiable." the Arguments for the affirmative were well sustained by Messrs. E. E. Billing. L. E. Chase. and J. M. Sykes. the Negative were ably argued by Messrs. Rev. W. Bacon. J. W. Bridgman. H. K. Symms, W. S. Perry and J. B. Butt Jr. At the Conclusion of the Debate the question was taken on the Merits of the Debate, two persons voting on the Negative, None on the affirmative,

As to the merits of the Question the Vote stood 4 for the

affirmative. & for the Negative. The President announced as the question for June 8th "Which are the stronger, the influences tending to ~~Perpetuate~~, or those tending to ~~perpetuate~~ dissolve the Union of the United States," and appointed as disputants on the affirmative Mess. D. W. Sykes, and F. H. Kingsbury. on the Negative Mess. H. K. Symms. and E. T. Billings. Notice was given of a Special Meeting next Monday Evening at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned at 9.45.

D. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Secretary's Office May 18th 1857.

The Association was called to order at 7.55 by the President Mr. Berry. After reading a portion of Scripture, and a Prayer offered by the President, the record of the previous meeting was read and approved, after being amended by the substitution of Mr. E. T. Billings' name in place of Mr. C. E. Billings. in respect to a motion altering the hour of commencing the Meetings. Mr. C. E. Billings read the following letter from Rev. J. N. Wellman, "Newton 15th May. 1857. Mr. Chas. E. Billings. Dear Sir, "I have received your kind note, inviting me, on behalf of the Y. M. "C. Association, to repeat before them my recent Fast day Sermon. I "deem myself honored by your invitation, and I am ever more grateful "that the views of that Sermon, so hastily and inadequately expressed, "meet the approbation of those of your Association who heard it. There "is no class in my Congregation with whom I feel so anxious to be in "close Sympathy, and on terms of Mutual interest, as with the young "Men. On that account I have hesitated to decline your invitation, "fearing that you would interpret it as indicating, on my part, a "want of Cordial Sympathy with you, and of interest in your "Association. But let me assure you that this is farthest "possible from the truth, and that for entirely different reasons "I have thought it best on the whole to ask you to excuse me from "repeating the Sermon. The Sermon was very hastily written "and, as it seems to me, was better fitted for a Fast day Service than "for any other occasion. Please express to the Association "my thanks for this kind invitation, and also my deep interest

in them individually, and as an Association.

"Very fraternally Yours

"J. W. Wellman"

The committee having charge of the furnishing of the room, reported that it could be done, at an estimated expense of $56.24. and after discussion, it was voted that the committee proceed to furnish the room, as soon as they can procure funds enough to do it, without incurring a debt. On Motion of Mr. B. F. Bacon, a Committee of three, consisting of Mrs. Bacon, Potter, and Withington, was appointed to determine whether any, and if so, what, measures be taken toward a celebration of the approaching 4th of July, and report in three weeks. There being no further business before the Association the President announced the exercises for the Evening, as the Consideration of Paul as a Convert and Missionary, and called upon Mr. L. E. Chase for his report. Mr. Chase, said we had traced Paul's manhood, we have seen him an earnest persecutor of the new religion, and now we find him led into Damascus, blind. Damascus was a Beautiful city, noted for its beauty, and for its rich fruits, an Arabian Prince called it a Paradise, and refused to enter within its walls, lest he should lose the heavenly Paradise, as man could enjoy but one. We find Paul in this city, in the street called straight, This street runs from the Palace to the Gate of the city, one mile, and is perfectly straight. (Except the overhanging building, obstruct the view, This Gate was in Pauls time, a more Beautiful gate, Paul was lodged with Judas, and his house is still pointed out by the Priests of the city, it being a small grotto, the home of Ananias is also shown, just inside of the city gate. Paul must have Meditated deeply, but what were his thoughts? as his mind wandered back, and he remembered his persecutions of the new sect, how great must have been his Anguish. In a vision God told him Ananias must open his Eyes, and God also directed Ananias to go to Paul. Though Ananias was loth to appear before one who had been a persecutor, yet in faith he obeyed Gods Command, and spoke to Paul as a Brother. It is worthy of remark that Paul was baptized by a Brother who was not before heard of, and was then but little known, for we

hear but little of him. Paul carried his natural energy into the new religion, and immediately preached the Gospel of Christ. His old Associates must have been sent dispersed at this. Soon he returns into Arabia. We know not what part of Arabia he retired to. Though several places have been assigned as the probable place. Many reasons may be given. The climate of Damascus was poor. - The Jews may have driven him from Damascus. He may have gone for rest, and for Communion with God. Wherever he went he must have employed the time in searching the Scriptures, and in prayer. He was gone about three years.

Mr Berry read of Paul's Escape from Damascus, going to Jerusalem, persecutions there, and going to Caesarea, and Tarsus.

Mr. C. D. Billings said there was mentioned no less than seven Antiochs. Paul went to the Antioch on the river Orontes, the disciples being scattered abroad, it was found necessary to send some of the Apostles to the different cities. Barnabas and Paul went to Antioch. This city was the Capital of Syria, was a large city, but it has been plundered, burned, and destroyed by fire and Earthquakes. Here they remained a year. At this time the disciples at Jerusalem suffering because of a famine. The churches at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas with supplies.

At this point the further exercises of the Bible Class were postponed for two weeks. The President making the following appointments for that evening, in addition to those not reported this Evening.

To Mr. B. F. Bacon. History of the church during the interval of Paul's retirement in Arabia. The admission of Cornelius into the church, and the circumstances connected therewith. Did the Jewish and Gentile elements in the church at once Coalesce? The Judaizing party in the church, their doctrines and designs.

To Mrs J. S. Potter. Anxiety and perplexity in the church at Antioch. Mission of Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem. The first general Council in the church, and its results.

Adjourned at 9.15

O. W. Sykes
Secretary

Newton Monday Evening May 25th 1857.

The Association was called to order at 8 o'55. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayer offered by the President, Mr. Perry, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Amendment to the 6th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution as proposed Monday Evn. 27th April by Mr. C. E. Billings was unanimously adopted. There being no other business before the meeting, the President introduced as the lecturer for the Evening Mr. Chas. E. Billings who proceeded to deliver an interesting lecture entitled "the Noble Hero" dwelling particularly upon the lives and characters of Hannibal and Howard. The lecture was followed by a criticism - not only of this but also of all the lectures yet delivered before the association - from Mr. J. S. Pratt Jr.

The President announced as lecturer for June 25th Mr. Horace K. Symmes. and as critic Mr. E. T. Billings. Dr. Hitchcock favored the Association with some remarks upon the above manner in which the lecture had been delivered. and also upon the importance of Cultivating a correct style, or manner of delivery. After which the Association adjourned at 9. o'clock.

E. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening June 1st 1857.

The regular Monthly prayer meeting was held this evening. in the room of the Association. The President, Mr. Perry, conducting the Exercises. Prayer was offered. & remarks made by Messrs. Perry, Sykes, & Stranger, E. T. Billings. H. K. Symmes. and J. W. Millington.

E. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Evening June 8th 1857

The Association was called to order at 7.55. Mr Perry in the chair. A portion of Scripture was read, and a prayer offered. after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Committee appointed on 18th May to consider what step be taken toward a Celebration of the approaching 4th of July. made the following report. "The committee chosen to consider in regard to the Expediency of this Association taking any measures to celebrate the approaching 4th of July, would recommend that this Association take no action in the Matter".

(Signed) "B. F. Bacon for the Committee"

On Motion of Mr Bridgman the report was accepted, and the Committee was discharged. after which the report was adopted.

The Secretary then read the following letter from the Rev. D. L. Hunter

"Mr Jas. W. Lyon. Dear Sir.

Yours of April 28th informing me of my Election "to honorary Membership in the Newton Young Mens Christian Association "was duly received. Please accept and communicate to the "Association my grateful acknowledgments. I like very much "the arrangement of exercises which you propose to yourselves for the "successive meetings of each month, and I trust they will be found "eminently profitable. Allow me to express the hope that the first "Meeting in Each month will not be regarded of less importance "than its successors. You have done well to spare prayer first, for "what are all our investigations without the teachings of the Divine Spirit? "and what is all our zeal if we are not led by his unerring hand? "I will give me pleasure to be present at your meetings whenever "I can find it possible to attend them. things I cannot promise myself "the privilege of being often with you. Pray yours

"Very respectfully, and with best "Wishes for your success

"Newton Centre (Signed) "D. L. Hunter"

June 2nd 1857."

On motion of Mr E. S. Billings it was voted that the Association adjourn. this and succeeding Evening at 7½.

There being no further business before the Association the President announced the question for debate as "Which are the

Sumner, the influences tending to perpetuate, or those tending to dissolve
"the Union" the question was argued in the affirmative by Messrs
J. W. Sykes and C. E. Billings, in the negative by Messrs H. K. Symmes, E.
F. Billings, J. W. Whittington and F. A. Benson, the question being
taken it was decided in the negative. 2 voting in the affirmative
& in the negative. On the merits of the Debate. I voted in the
Affirmative. & in the negative. On Motion of Mr C. E. Billings
It was voted that in future the vote be taken on the merits of
the Debate. The President announced as the question for the
Meeting of July 13th "Does inherent talent, or the force of circumstances
"Exert the greater influence in making men famous"
and appointed as disputants on the affirmative Mr ~~J. D. Foster and~~
B. F. Bacon and J. S. Potter. Negative. J. A. Staples. and C. A. Knights.
As Mr. Butts cannot be present at the next Rible class. the
President gave his division of the subjects then to be considered to
Mr. Geo. W. Bacon.
Adjourned at 9.15
J. W. Sykes
Secretary

Revere Monday Eve June 15th 1857
The Association was called to order at Eight o'clock. P.M. B. F.
Bacon in the chair. After reading of Scripture. and a prayer. the
Record of the previous meeting was read and approved.
On Motion of Mr. J. H. Bridgman it was voted that the
Meetings Commence hereafter at Eight o'clock. A letter from the
Rev. O. S. Stearns was read by the Secretary, as follows,
"Mr. J. W. Sykes, Secretary of the N. E. M. C. A,
"Sir, I received some time since a note
"from you, informing me of my election as an Honorary
"Member of your Association. I should have replied to
"it before this time. Please to pardon any apparent
"neglect, and assure your society of my thanks for the
"respect thus shown to me, and of my sympathy and
"Co-operation with them to the extent of my ability,
"Located as I am, it will be generally inconvenient

"to share in your privileges by my presence, but you will
"always occupy a large place in my prayers. I have
"ever been interested in such organizations, and deem their
"practical, Spiritual design, not only conducive to the highest
"welfare of the young men themselves, but as generating a
"Spirit of Christian brotherhood ultimately to be cherished by
"the "whole family in heaven and Earth".

"I am sorry that none of the young men
"of my church have as yet united with you, but am told
"that it is for want of the desirable facilities to meet with
"you, rather than from any lack of interest in your cause.
"Most of them are engaged in the city during the day, and
"think themselves too wearied to walk so far in the evening.

"With my best wishes for your success

"I am sincerely yours

"Newton Centre (signed) "O. S. Stearns"
June 9 "1859"

The Committee on furnishing the room then
reported, through Mr. J. W. Sykes, that they had furnished the room
at a cost of $64.34 cts. that they had incurred no debt in doing
this. They reported as having received from old members in and
of the room, the sum of $35, from 7 new members $7, and from the
Treasurer of the Association $13.66 cts. Leaving in the Treasurer's hands
$8.62 cts. The report of the Committee was accepted, and they
were discharged from further duties. On motion of Mr. C. E.
Billings a vote of thanks was given to the committee for
the promptness and efficiency with which they had attended to
their duties.

Mr. Billings of the Committee on Exercises
recommended that we hold a prayer meeting at Newton Center
on the Evening of June 29th. and on motion of Mr. A. H. Symmes it
was voted that such a meeting be held. There being no other
business before the Association, the President announced as the
Exercise for the Evening, the consideration of Paul as a Missionary,
and called on Mr. J. W. Sykes for his report. Mr. Sykes said the
Meeting of the first Morning Lovers of the Christian Church was
destitute of interest. We love to think of Christ as the first
Missionary of this our Gospel. We may call the Early Fathers

of the Apostles. Missionary labors. and the day of Pentecost a rich record of their labors, at the death of Stephen the disciples were scattered abroad. but wherever they went they preached the Gospel. In 36 Philip preached in Samaria, & years after Paul's conversion Peter preached in Lydda and Joppa. and was led by a vision to Caesarea and brought the gentiles first into the fold, In 44 Paul Returned at Antioch. In 45 the church at Antioch selected Paul and Barnabas to go to the Heathen. they were well fitted for the work. both by nature and Education, Remaining at Antioch but a short time. they departed. followed by the prayers of the saints. Seleucia, 41 miles from Antioch by Water. 16 by land. Now Calling from this port. then a large city. now a map of ruins. visited about they landed on the Island of Cyprus. at Salamis. a large city, with many thousand inhabitants. After preaching here a short time, with what success we know not. they passed through the fertile and beautiful Island by a noble Roman Road to Paphos. this city is now called Baffa. and is some five miles north of old Paphos. Here they were sent for by the Procensul Sergius Paulus who was soon brought over to the new faith. Mr. J. H. Hopkins read a manuscript from Mr. J. S. Withington. the Missionary sailed from Paphos to Perga. where Mark left the others. this gave offence to Paul. which caused a coolness between the two for some years. even causing Paul to separate afterward from Barnabas

There were many reasons for Mark's course which Barnabas could appreciate. Paul however cherished no resentment and afterward acknowledged his assistance. and Paul and Mark were united again. A lesson for us to cherish no resentment. thus the Apostles preached and practiced. The Ministry preached the word in Antioch. but the Jews persecuting they were obliged to leave.

Mr. J. McBaron was called on to report. but not being present. Mrs. E. Shaw read a manuscript report of Mr. Barons part. Paul and Barnabas left Antioch and came to Iconium. the Capital of Lycaonia. this has been a magnificent city since the days of Paul. and now, though its remains are few, yet enough remains to show something

of its former grandeur. Preaching here with great power, many Jews and Gentiles believed. But some unbelieving Jews stirred up the people so that the Apostles were obliged to leave. They went to Lystra, among a rude, uncultivated people. Here they also preached with power, and also performed a miracle. It does not appear that the Apostles either had the power of working miracles or the gift of tongues at their will. But there were given them when necessary to attest the truth and power of the words spoken. The people of Lystra were convinced by the eloquence of Paul's words, and by the miracle that the Apostles were more than human. It was a common belief that their Gods often came to earth, and they concluded Paul was Mercury "the God of Eloquence" and Barnabas was Jupiter. So rushing to the temple, they might the priest, & offer sacrifice to them. Paul with difficulty restrained them. Some stirred by Jews from Iconium the people were moved against Paul and stoned him so that he was nearly or quite dead. But being raised up by a miracle, he with Barnabas left for Derbe. Timothy was probably an eyewitness of these persecutions. Preaching with effect in Derbe, they were returned by Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch to Pisidia. Preaching and confirming the saints. Taking ship at Attalia they sailed for Syria.

Mr. C. A. Knighton read a Manuscript prepared by Mr. J. F. Knighton, in reference to Paul's persecutions after his return from Arabia he preached in Damascus. The Jews not being able to answer Paul by Argument conspired to kill him, and by the former the gates were guarded to prevent his escape, Damascus had surrounded their walls. And Paul was let down in a basket from a window in the wall. Paul spent a fortnight with Peter at Jerusalem, he was there three Sabbaths, the Grecian Jews sought to kill him. They could not dispute with him, Paul was taken, Paul escaped, and left for Syria. Here in the scenes of his boyhood, he again had gone, the news of his conversion had gone before him. and the saints praised God and rejoiced. Paul was no sooner a christian, than a preacher, no sooner a preacher, than a sufferer. We must be prepared for temptation. We should be willing to suffer for Christ. May we all live in the same spirit of self denial, and may many by

seen flocking to Christ. Mr. D. F. Bacon said that when Paul was an oppressor, the church was in trouble. Now they edified each other, settled affairs, and walked in the fear of the Lord. They encouraged and comforted each other, and now many of them, their numbers increased, because their joy and peace attracted others. None had been admitted but circumcised persons, but Gentiles were now called. Cornelius was a commander of one hundred soldiers, a devout man, of good report. Influenced by grace was acting conscientiously. He had a vision, and was directed to send for Peter. Peter went and baptized him.

A few remarks were made by J. W. Sykes, on the change of Saul's name to Paul, shewing that there was but little authority for either opinion, 1st that Saul assumed the name of Paul in honor of Sergius Paulus. 2d that Saul had both names from boyhood. Both opinions were entertained, the weight of authority was perhaps a little in favor of the latter opinion.

Adjourned at 9.15.

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton Monday Eve June 22d 1857

The Association was called to order at 8 oo by the President Mr. Berry, who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The President then introduced as the Speaker for the evening Mr. W. R. Symmes, who proceeded to deliver a Poem

He said "'Tis not from choice I take the Stand,
Oh no, our Worthy Christian band
Have thus decreed,"
"And Now I stand with trembling limbs,
A sadly frightened, but determined Symmes,"
"And Now with humble trust that will survive the Storm,
I'm going to talk awhile about reform"

"First let us purify the heart, and then the streams
Of thought, that outward flow and no longer blue dreams,
But in their course,
To cheer the heart of others, they will go
With truth's full force,"
"The path of duty is the path of peace,
Let men therein, thereby our joy increase,
No wait thy dawn, oh glorious Morn;
When Every heart shall learn reform,"
After speaking of some who do not their duty to the country, he said
He had some who would make

"This land what God would have it be,
Famous for Morals, justice, Liberty;
Religion's strong hold here on earth;
A bright Star, shining through the dearth
That now exchange all nations,
A Land of promise, Yea a land of rest,
For all by wrong and tyrany oppressed,
Of every nation tribe and tongue,
Blest may it be of God, in Every hand
The pride of all well doers, and
The dread of such as practice wrong,
Then shall begin thy dawn, Oh glorious Morn
Morn of the day of true reform",

"Young Men Can stoop & learn some useful trade,
But all imagine they were made
For greater things, to fill some higher station;
To move the moved, at least govern a nation",
"Yet in some things many of our youth excell,
For by simply tailery, they can tell
Whats good tobacco, brandy, gin or wine,
Whether common, Extra, fine or Superfine,
Good cloth they like, things followed by such ill,
As gentle hints to pay their Tailors bill
But soon we hope & see thy dawn, Oh Glorious Morn
When all our Youth shall learn reform."

Again he says,

"Ever since I left my childhood's home,
In every place wherever called to roame,
Some power unseen, has guarded me thus far,
From famine, pestilence, matrimony, war,
And kindred ills";
"Long may it quell my girlish passions,
Unless a change comes o'er our Modern fashions."
"If ever with Woman's charms I'm smitten,
I'll say, be mine if you can live within my means;
But if I'm cast, — give me the mitten,
Then I'll in patience wait thy dawn, oh glorious Morn,
Morn of the day, when ladies too reform,"

"May the time soon come when all shall stand on merit,
And not on what they're to inherit,
But on Character, Energy, and goodness of heart,
For things like these, give men a better start
Than all the titles that ever graced a fathers name,
Than thousands of money, or a world wide fame,
For without the last the first can all be gained;
But without the first, we deem the last in vain"

"Then let us live & do the most we can,
To reform ourselves, and help our fellow man,
For in life's short space, as God decreed,
We must prepare for an Eternity,
How vast the word!
Yet God sufficient grace imparts
To all who ask with truly honest hearts,
That when their bodies sink in death's dark river,
They can calmly trust their spirit to the Giver,
So may we live, Earth's vanities above,
Humbly trusting God, for God is love."

The Poem was criticised by Mr. E. T. Billings. After which Notice was given of a Devotional meeting at Newton Centre, next Monday Evening. And that Carriages will be ready to convey them who may wish to go. The President announced as the Exercises for the fourth Monday in July. Declamations and Essays by the following persons.

1st Declamation by C. E. Billings,
2d An Historical Essay by J. W. Sykes,
3d Declamation by J. W. Bridgman,
4th An Biographical Essay by J. H. Kingsbury,
5th Declamation by W. Stetiner,
6th An Essay by J. S. Withington,
7th Valedictory by L. E. Chase,

Declamations are not to exceed 8 minutes in delivery. Essays not to exceed 10 minutes.

Adjourned at 8.50

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton June 29th 1857. Monday Evening.

A prayer meeting was held this evening, under the auspices of the Association at the Vestry of Rev. Mr. Eustis's Church, Newton Centre. Mr. Perry opened the meeting at Eight o'clock by the Hymn " "While Thee I seek, Protecting Power." After which Mr. Kingsbury offered the opening Prayer. Mr Perry read the second chapter of Micah. He said it was new to him for illustrations of the minds of the Prophets, where we find the Gospel revealed before the coming of Christ. It is not new to pass over any portion of God's Words. We have, in the prophecy just read, a tribute to Israel, a rebuke administered for hypocrisies, and for forsaking God, The Prophet had summoned the people to clear their evil ways, and Now he summons God as a witness against them. It is our duty to hear the words of God, to be earnest in the study of the same, and to renounce the wicked. We are to be in Earnest in our Work. This work is not our own. We are reminded of this by,

the death of friends. by the changes of life continually going on around us. by adversity which so often overtakes those who seemed so prosperous, No. the Earth is polluted. it is destitute. No think the mind is beautiful. but it has lost much of its Eden freshness. It is polluted by man's sins. Causing us to forget God. any to rebel against him, and for this we shall reap destruction.

But if we leave the world. and flee to Christ, we shall escape. And we meet together to night to strengthen each other. so that we may go on earnestly. Manfully. We come here to obtain rest, and to prepare ourselves the better to encounter the world. We come for the sake of others. Oh! Repent poor sin. for this Christ died. and thus He has provided a way of Escape.

Mr J. W. Sykes. said it was pleasant thus to come together. We meet here as Christians. with one aim to glorify God. one End, to reach Heaven. it is pleasant thus to meet. and encourage Each other on. O that we might be filled with the love of Christ. that love which will raise us up above the world. and at last hear that welcome summons. and may that glory in reward for them who continue in well doing unto the End.

Prayer was offered by Mr B. F. Bacon

Mr S. R. Symons said he had visited the world. and would say a word to the impenitent. The question in his mind had been "How shall I become a Christian?" "How shall I come to God" This is the question. The Sinner is to come just as he is. no one Can make him better. go to Christ. just as you are.

The Hymn "Come Lover of my Soul." was then sung.

After which Mr Nichols offered Prayer. praying that God would bless this Association. and make it, and its members useful in His Cause.

Mr. L. E. Chase said. why should not a prayer Meeting be pleasant. this is an oasis in the desert of life. Here we can refresh ourselves while travelling through the world. This meeting should be a pleasant spot, a blessed Spot. it will strengthen the christian. How many of us feel that it is pleasant to come here? that Christ is here? All should thus feel. We are to live to save our souls to

Nature it for Eternity — Eternity! How great! Life is but a span to Eternity. We must prepare for it. Some do we dare leave God before the world. But dare to die Him? He who has done so much for us, that if we are resisted. So was Christ, but we overestimate the resistance we shall encounter. An honest, humble Christian cannot but command respect. Let all seek to live this life. Let all come. For God is willing and ready to save.

Prayer was offered by C. A. Kingsbury.

Mr. Stone was glad to meet them. We here for encouragement to go forward in our duty. He had lately been called to think of his neglect of duty. He had just assisted in burying a young lady, and though it was a melancholy task. Yet it was pleasant to think she was a Christian. She had brought home to Jesus. Why is one left who does nothing for his Master, and another taken who is doing so much good. We feel that the loss of such an one is great. We wonder why those who do so little are left. We do not think of this often enough. We forget that we should do more. We resolve, but fall away from our resolves. Such a meeting as this brings our hearts together. and we shall here receive a blessing if we act in faith. May Many name the name of Christ. they will find it a pleasant task to live a Christians life. Christians have joy, though they may not Manifest it to others. Yet they have a joy the world knoweth not of.

The Hymn

"For a season called to part,
Let us now our views commend
To the gracious Eye and heart,
Of our ever present friend."

After which the meeting was closed by a prayer by Mr. Perry, ar J. 15.

D. M. Lyle
Secretary

Newton. Monday Ev. July 6th 1857

The regular Monthly Devotional meeting of the Association was held this Evening at the usual place of Meeting. Vice President B. F. Breed in the chair. Prayer was offered. & remarks made by Mrs. Bacon, E. F. Billings, L. E. Chase, J. W. Sykes, C. E. Billings, H. H. Symmes, J. S. Potter, & J. A. Staples. At 9. 15 voted the Meeting Adjourned.

J. W. Sykes, Sec,

Newton Monday Ev. July 13th 1857

The Association was called to order at 8. o'clock by the Pres, Mr. Perry - who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. On Motion of L. E. Chase it was voted that sufficient funds be appropriated from the treasury to purchase a suitable Bible for the use of the Association. and that the treasurer be instructed to procure one,

On motion of Mr J. W. Sykes a Committee of three. Consisting of Mrs Sykes. Chase and E. F. Billings. was appointed to take into consideration the Matter of a Course of public Lectures, for the coming winter. and report at some future time,

The President announced as the question for discussion. "Does inherent Talent, or the force of Circumstances exert the greater influence in making a Man famous?" The debate was maintained on the affirmation by Mrs Symmes. C. E. Billings, and Chase. on the negative by Mrs C. A. Kingsbury and Sykes. on the vote being taken on the merits of the question all voted in the Affirmative except one,

The Committee announced as the question for the next debate "Is the cause of Temperance better promoted by a Prohibitory or a License Law?" And selected as disputants. on the affirmative Mrs John Warner and Geo. F. Shaw. negative Mrs H. D. Mitchell

Mr. H. Symmes
sec. ~~J. D. Betts Jr.~~ On motion of Mr H. D. Symmes the Association
Voted to adjourn from the last Monday Evening in July, to
the first Monday Evening in September. On motion it was
voted that the President instruct the Treasurer as to the kind
of Bible to be purchased for the use of the Association,
At 9. 10 adjourned
S. W. Sykes, Sec,

Newton Monday Eve. July 20th 1835

The Association was called to order by the President. at
8.10. After reading a portion of Scripture and a Prayer,
the record of the previous meeting was read, The President
Called upon Mr. J. T. Kingsbury for his report of the part in
the Bible Class allotted to him, As not being present. Mr Kingsbury
said it was necessary to know somewhat of Peters conduct
in order to decide correctly as to the dispute between him
and Paul. The Elders had decided that the Gentile Converts
should not be bound by the law of Moses, and the Council
had decided that they should only abstain from fornication,
Meats offered to Idols. things strangled, and from blood,
these, that they might not revive or the Idolatrous practices
around them, and to make the distinction stronger,
To abstain from blood, was clean the Jews. and in accordance
with the old Testament. when blood is often called the Life,
From things strangled because of the same reason,
and from fornication. this was a part of Heathen worship,
practiced as a Heathen rite. all these must be abstained
from. Peter was the first to disseminate these decrees,
but became disheartened. Paul rebuked him in public.
We may imagine the scene. Paul was small of stature, full
of fire, with a bright black Eye. Peter was strong athletic,
Paul quick. Peter strong limbed and slow: though Peter was
quick Energetic in the early days, yet here Paul was quicker,
This dispute did not affect their love for each other, or
for their Cause. they afterward were united in life. and not

desperation in their death. Both died at Rome. Peter crucified
Paul, because he was a Roman citizen, was beheaded.

Mr. J. M. Bridgman not being present the President continued
saying that Paul had great affection for the new converts.
He asked Barnabas to go visit them with himself. What
seems many friends among them. and the ties of friendship
must have been strong. We find that persons united in
a common desperate cause are always united. How more
firmer must have been the union in this case. The
Christians were spoken against on every side. and
brotherly love must necessarily arise under circumstances. it
did not decline for many years. Barnabas wished to
take his kinsmen Mark with them on this visit, but
Paul thought it not well to take him who had been frightened
because of the dangers of the 1st journey. and had thus lost
Pauls good opinion. Paul's sympathies never lasted long
he was quick to speak, but carried no illwill. Paul and
Barnabas parted. Paul chose Silas as his companion. and
went to Cilicia, strengthening the churches. We can see the
hand of God in the separation of Paul and Barnabas. inasmuch
as new churches were visited then there would have been
had they remained together.

Mr. J. D. Butts Jr. not being present. Mr Kemp read
Continued Paul lived always among the scenes of his
early life. The Taurus was a favorite ground to him,
and no doubt he visited here often then else where,
after strengthening the Churches then, he went across the
Mountains to Derbe and Lystra. Now we find Timothy
Mention. Timothy was converted on the previous journey
We saw the persecutions Paul suffered. Paul circumcised
Timothy because he was the son of a Jewess. and because
he was to labor among Jews. and then would not hear
him, unless he came as a Jew. Paul did not consider
Circumcision as of any peice. because in the case of
Titus when these reasons did not exist. he was
not circumcised. Titus was a Greek.

Mr. J. T. Tillett, said Phrygia is the largest province of Asia Minor and was more often visited by Paul, on his journeys through Galatia he was overtaken by sickness, and was kindly cared for by the Galatians. Paul for this kindness and afterwards often alluded to it. On this visit he preached while he was suffering through infirmity of the flesh. Probably his eyes were affected. We know he was troubled thus because he usually had another to do his writing. This trial must have been great. because of Satan's part in it, but still he was rewarded with more grace, and by the trial was made better able to glorify God. It was in 53 that Paul visited these churches, going over the Regions Beyond, through along the Coast of Troas. Entering Troas in the night, and leaving on the next day for Greece, thus to preach the Gospel for the first time in Europe.

Though Paul had laid on a bed of sickness yet he did not complain, he knew it was for the best. He had faith that he should arise, and in his after days, he labored not for himself, but for Jesus. who had done so much for him. He never hesitated about his duty. He went at once to preach to the Heathen, and while he had life, to his last hour he continued to preach.

Mr. Ray said these two men, living in after ages of the history of the Church, had passed their last sickness near the spot where Paul was afflicted. His sickness was no doubt an affection of the eyes, probably accompanied by the fever so usual in Asia Minor. St. John Chrysostom, the Golden Mouthed, had much of the spirit of Paul, and labored to bring the churches back to primitive piety. His sermons and writings became of the utmost importance to the church. Exiled from Constantinople in framing Asia Minor, died, and was buried in the same place where Henry Martyn found his last resting place. Later, Martyn noticed the same privations that St. John did.

J. H. Staples said, Paul was undoubtedly

may to go from Troas, but was decided by a Vision, in which a Macedonian appeared saying "Come over and help us".
Leaving Troas they came to Samothracia, thence to Neapolis, thence to Philippi, in Macedonia where was a Roman Colony, there he abode some days. On the Sabbath he went out by River side and preached to the women. Lydia heard, the Holy Spirit opened her heart, and she was converted, baptized and took the Apostle home with her. The Spirit works in various ways upon the human heart.

Mr Berry said the Corps in Luke's Narrative from thence, to Neapolis, is worthy of being noticed. it occurs at Troas, in the 8th & 10th verses of XVI chapt, here and afterwards Luke was one of the party. Lydia was an Asiatic and her influence no doubt assisted in founding a church in her own city of Thyatira, as well as in building a church in Philippi. We may learn from her case. that Conversion may be ascribed to God. for God opened her heart. Her conversion was followed by the baptism of herself and household. of course it is, and must remain an open question as to whether the word household included any infants. She had love for the brethren, she had new feelings. and walked clearly mindful of the Apostle.

Mr C.A. Kingsbury not being present, the President continued saying it was evident that demons, evil spirits, were permitted under certain restrictions. to afflict men, and perhaps they controled the Oracles, when sometime gave surprising answers. Perhaps this was permitted that Christ power might be made manifest. Perhaps this Satan has a hand in the mysteries of the mind. when we see Error so prevail. Men carried away. We may not be wrong in ascribing it to Satan. Paul found at Philippi a female slave possessed of a spirit of divination, whereby she was profitable to her Masters. She followed the Apostle no doubt with foaming mouth. and eyes rolled up, crying aloud. It may be Paul was composed & forbear them. to bear witness to their words. perhaps she followed Christ

from a malicious motive. Paul was grieved, and drove the spirit from her. The masters seeing the hope of gain had gone, took Paul and Silas, and brought them before the rulers of the city, accusing them of troubling the city, and teaching customs not lawful for them, This city was a Roman colony, and was unlawful for them to do anything unlawful, for they claimed their privileges

On being now nine o'clock, it was voted to continue the subject at the next Bible Class,

Mr. Pettingill requesting to be excused from his part in the exercises of Next Monday Eve, it was voted to excuse him, and Mr W. J. Felton was appointed instead.

The President announced for the adoption for the next Bible class the following to Mr. C. A. Kingsbury. The Damascus Road. the Miracle & its attendant circumstances The arrest of Paul and Silas. the midnight cry "What shall I do to be saved? The conduct of the Apostle in refusing to go without a public Apology. What advantage did it probably seem to the infant Church,

to Mr L. E. Chase, Thessalonica. The Synagogue. Persecution, turmoil and flight. The conduct of the Brethren and Example for Christians. Best mode of, & means for the study of God's word,

To Rev. W. Bacon, The journey to Athens, the city & its historic associations. & geographical position. the Market place. Paul alone in Athens & his musings and his hopes, The scene on Mars Hill. Paul's speech, and his departure from Athens,

The historic Associations of Mars Hill. the opening of Paul's speech. Is it rightly & even intelligibly rendered in our version? How does the right rendering of it, show the skill of Paul in stating & commending and his doctrine & his hearers?

to C. S. Billings. Departure from Athens. the Athenian Converts. the early history of the Athenian Church. Paul at Corinth. Arrival of Aquila and Priscilla. Opposition & Persecution. Reasons for supposing the 1st & 2nd Epistle to

the Thessalonians shall been written at this time. Analysis of their Contents,

To John Warner, Corinth, its history, ruins, Acropolis, Medals. the Isthmus. Gallio's Council, was it Commendable? The return to Jerusalem. The points of interest visited on the route. Return to Antioch. (Acts. XVIII. 21)

To J. E. Rutter Jr, 5th Journey through interior of Asia Minor, Departure from Antioch. Journey through Phrygia & Galatia. (Acts 18:23) Apollos at Ephesus. Conflict, Arrival of Paul at Ephesus. the Baptism of John (Acts 18:25, Compare 19:3) How long did the party of disciples of John have in the Church). The School of Tyrannus. Miracles. Ephesian Magic. The Exorcists & the burning of the books,

To W. J. Gilbert. The Length of Paul's visit in Ephesus (Acts XIX. 21) What reasons are there for supposing the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians should been written about the close of these three years? The Circumstances which occasioned the writing of this Epistle and an analysis of its Contents.

To E. F. Billings. Description of Ephesus. its religious institutions. The Temple of Diana its history and ruins, The Image which fell down from Heaven (Acts XIX. 35) the shrine" and "the craftsmen." The causes of the uproar, The season of the year (Acts XIX. 21) The tumult. its progress and its close, Departure of Paul.

To ~~J. E. Rutherford~~ Paul at Troas, the passage to Macedonia. His Ephesian Companions, (Acts XX. 4.) He proceeds to Philippi. The 2d Epistle to the Corinthians, its object & Analysis. The Collection for the poor Christians in Judea. Journey from Macedonia by Illyricum to Greece,

Ap 9, 11 Adjourned

W. Sykes Sec,

Newton Monday Evening July 27th 1857

The Association was called to order at 8. 10 by the President Mr. Perry who read a portion of Scripture, and offered Prayer, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. There being no business before the Association, the President announced as the exercises for the evening, Declamations and original Essays, and introduced Mr. C. E. Billings. who gave a Declamation introducing the exercises, alluding to our previous meeting, and to this one as the End of our Years course,

He was followed by I. W. Sykes. in an Essay on "The men of the Commonwealth", By Wm Eichman. in an Essay on "True Liberty"; by Wm J. Gilbert on an Essay on "The origin of the Pilgrim Band who landed at Plymouth Rock". The exercises of the evening closed by a graceful, and well written Valedictory by L. E. Chase.

The President announced that there would be no meetings during the month of August. and that in the coming sessions the older members of the Association would be more generally called upon to take part in our exercises. He also announced as the portion of Scripture for Consideration on the first Monday Evening in September the Parable of the great Supper. Luke XIV,

at 9, 10 adjourned

I. W. Sykes.

Secretary.

Newton Monday Ev. Sept. 7th 1857.

The regular monthly prayer meeting of the Association was held this Evening at the room of the Association. The meeting was conducted by the President. Rev. Mr. Perry. Remarks were made and Prayer offered by the following Persons. Mrs. Perry I. F. Kingsbury. Chas E. Billings. Sykes Symmes Chas A. Kingsbury. and E. L. Day. A good feeling was manifested, the remarks and prayers were spirited, and earnest,

I. W. Sykes

Secretary.

Newton Monday Eve. 8 Sept. 11th 1851

The Association was called to order at 8.10. a Portion of Scripture was read, and Prayer offered by the President, Mr. Perry. After which the record of the previous meeting was had and approved.

The President announced as the question for discussion this evening. the following. "Which the better promote the cause of Temperance, a prohibitory or a License Law?"

This question was argued in the affirmative by Messrs John Warner. E. F. Billings and W. J. Gilbert. in the negative by Chas E. Billings. J. W. Sykes. James E. Butts. Jr, and B. W. Holman,

The question being taken, it was decided in the Negative by the Casting vote of the President. Mr. Wm. J. Gilbert claimed a point of order. inasmuch as the chair based his decision upon the merits of the Arguments brought forward. whereas he should have based it upon the merits of the question. The Chair stated that he considered it his duty to give a casting vote according to the Arguments advanced. inasmuch as the Chair is expected to be governed in such cases by nothing without the Association. Mr. Gilbert appealing from the decision. the Meeting sustained the Chair.

The Committee announced as the question for discussion on the second Monday Evening in October. the following.

"Resolved that the use and dissemination of Gold has Contributed more towards civilisation and human progress than Iron!" and appointed as Disputants in the affr. Messrs B. W Holman and F. A Benson. in the Negr. Messrs. S. A Smallwood and J. E. Butts,

at 9.50 adjourned

J. W. Sykes

Sec,

Newton Monday Evening. Sept. 21st 1885.

The Association was called to order at 8.05. by the President Mr Perry, who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. There being no quorum present, the President announced that the exercises of the Bible Class must be attended to before there was a quorum, when an opportunity would be afforded for business. Mr Perry said that at the close of the last Class we left Paul in Philippi, when Lydia was converted, she being the first fruits of the Gospel in Europe, & here the first church was founded. Mr. Chas A. Kingsbury said while Paul and Silas were in Philippi they were troubled by this female slave who possessed the power of divination, and who followed the Apostles. They rebuked the spirit which obeyed them and left the woman. This slave brought Gain to her masters and they loosing this all hope of Gain possessed, urging the Apostles ~~and~~ brought them before the rulers of the city. They were religious only for the sake of Gain, and by the cloak of religion they succeeded in having Paul and Silas imprisoned. The Apostles while laying on the damp ground floor of the inner Prison, with their feet in the stocks shew that no circumstances could deprive them of the joy afforded by religion, for here they sang praises to God, While praying and singing an Earthquake opened the doors, and awoke the Keeper, who rushing in, would have killed himself, for fear his Prisoners had escaped, had not Paul prevented.

It was a custom among Roman officers to slay themselves, when defeated in battle, or when guilty of a breach of trust, But he was not guilty of the Escape of his Prisoners. Paul's "Do thyself no harm" brought him trembling at the feet of the Apostles. He saw that the God of Paul and Silas was indeed a powerful God, and trembling he asked "What shall I do to be saved?" Paul in plain language told him of Christ. The Jailer could not have asked a more important question. He received a plain answer and was converted. In the morning the Sergeants was sent to release Paul and Silas. Perhaps the Earthquake had reminded the magistrates of the imprisoned Apostles. They sent the Lictors

to deliver them. Rev Reed and Silcox would not go privately. they insisted upon a fair trial: and a public acquittal. It is not always the case that Christians shewed thus act. But the Apostles now secured honor for the Church. by this action it gained a strength hold in Philippi.

A Quorum of the Association being now present. The President suspended the further exercises of the Class for a few moments that an opportunity might be offered for business. Mr. Symmes calling for the report of the Committee on Anniversary and Lectures. they reported through Mr. L. S. Chase as follows

"Your committee to whom was referred the matter of a public Anniversary. and of a Course of public Lectures, would report

The Annual meeting of the Association, for the choice of officers. and for such other business as pertains to that occasion, will occur on Monday Evening Oct. 19th. Your Committee have thought it would be well to have a public Anniversary to occur on the next Monday Evening after the Annual meeting. and they would recommend that it be held in the Elm street church, Commencing at 7½ o'clock. They would recommend the following order of Exercises for that occasion.

Voluntary on the Organ,
Anthem, by the Choir,
Reading of Scripture by Rev. W. S. Perry,
Prayer, by Rev. J. W. Willmarth,
Address, by the President of the Association,
Singing, by the choir,
Address, by Rev. A. L. Stone,
Address, by Rev. Dr. Unitt,
Singing, by the Congregation,
Prayer & Benediction, by Rev. J. S. C. Greene,

Your Committee have not conferred with the Gentlemen named in the Programme,

having no authority so to do. But if the Association is pleased with the Programme, a new committee can be raised to carry it out.

In reference to a course of public lectures, the committee is aware that there is a difference of opinion as to the practicability and advisability of such a course. They have therefore tried to draw up a Programme and leave it with the Association to do with it as they see fit. A list of Lectures is here offered who might lecture on Alternate Tuesday Evenings as follows,

On Tuesday Evening, Nov. 3d	H. K. Symmes,
" 17th	Rev. J. W. Willman
Dec. 1st	James E. Pitts Jr,
" 15th	Rev. O. S. Stearns,
" 29th	F. A. Brown,
Jany. 5th	Rev. J. S. C. Greene,
" 19th	Chas. A. Singleton,
Feby. 2d	Rev. D. L. Furber,
" 16th	Lewis E. Chase,
Mar. 2d	Rev. W. S. Perry,

In case the Association decide upon a course of lectures your Committee recommend that they be delivered in Odeon Hall, that no single tickets be sold, but that Season Tickets, admitting a Gentleman and Lady to the course, be sold to Members for 1$. and to others for 1½$. If a surplus be realized from such a course, it would be easy to use it in a profitable manner.

Your committee know that there is to be no regular course of Lectures in this Village this winter, and the field is open to us, if we wish to fill it.

We leave the matter in the hands of the Association, simply recommending that if the Association determines to have such a course a suitable Lecture Committee be appointed. They now ask to be excused from further duty.

(Signed) "J. W. Perry, E. T. Pillin, L. E. Chase"

On motion of Mr. Warner, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged. The report was then, on motion of Mr Bridgman, divided. The portion relating to an Anniversary was taken up. Mr. H. R. Symmes moved that a public Anniversary should be held and that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair with full powers. This motion was adopted, and the Chair appointed Messrs. H. R. Symmes, J. W. Sykes and L. S. Chase. On motion, the President was made "ex officio" a member of the Committee.

Mr. J. W. Bridgman moved that the portion of the report relating to a course of Lectures be laid on the table. This motion was seconded. Mr Symmes thought it better to decide the matter now, as time is short, if a course is decided upon. Members will need all the time to prepare. The motion was lost 3 to 4.

On Motion the matter was laid upon the table until the next business Meeting.

On Motion by Mr Symmes a Committee of three was appointed to select and report a list of Officers, to be balloted for at the Annual Meeting. Consisting of Messrs. Symmes, Chase, and Bridgman.

There being no other business, the exercises of the Bible class were resumed.

Mr Perry said allusion had been made to the proposed suicide of the Jailer. It was the custom for desperate, defeated men to do this. Great men had done it, by turning themselves upon their swords. With regard to the effect of Paul's arrest upon the church, we can see a reason for the same in the fact that anything brought forward by Jews was despised. By Romans Esteemed. Paul by claiming to be a Roman placed the Church upon a firmer footing, as planted by Romans. They did not fly from Philippi! but departed in their own good time. Leaving Timothy and Luke behind. They rejoining Paul and Silas afterwards.

Mr L. S. Chase said that Paul and Silas being released went to Thessalonica, three days journey from Philippi. In

the northern part of Greece, on the slope of a hill overlooking the Water. This City was founded by one of Alexanders Generals, and named after his wife. It contained 70000 Inhabitants. even now half of them are Jews. Thessalonica was under the Roman rule. A Proconsul held his court there. Paul lodged with one Jason, perhaps a relative. After Paul enters at once into the Synagogue, & reasoned to teach that Christ must not come as a Monarch, but as a meek and lowly saviour, proving this by the Prophets. This doctrine annoyed the Jews, and they engaged the scum of the city against the Apostles. The under potion assaulted Jasons House, and Paul fled toward Berea. Away from the Roman road, out of the jurisdiction of the Proconsul at Thessalonica. He had better success at Berea, the Jews not willing to investigate, and Paul compared Scripture with them, proving that Christ had come. The conduct of the Bereans was such as we should imitate, we should search the word and law of God. we should study the word with earnestness, with such helps as we can obtain,

On motion the further exercises of the Class was postponed two weeks,

Adjourned at 9.05

J. W. Sykes
Secretary

Newton, Monday Evening, 28 Sept 1857.

By invitation of the President the members met at his house this Evening with their friends, and spent a most agreable Evening in social conversation, and the cultivation of mutual acquaintance. This seems was certainly a bright shown in the history of the Association. May the precedent so now established by our present President be followed by all his successors in office,

J. W. Sykes
Secretary,

Newton, Monday Evening. 5th October 1857

The regular monthly prayer meeting was held this evening in the room of the Association. Conducted by the President, Rev. Mr. Perry. Prayer was offered, & remarks made by Messrs Perry, Wm. J. Gilbert, J. W. Sykes, F. H. Kingsbury, Geo. F. Stone, John Warner, and E. T. Billings. The meeting was quite interesting. Closed with a prayer by H. K. Symmes.

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Newton, Monday Evening. Oct. 12th 1857,

The Association was called to order at 8.05 by the President, Mr. Perry, after reading of a Portion of Scripture and Prayer, the record of the meeting of Sept 21st was read and approved.

The Nominating committee reported through Mr. H. K. Symmes the following Report,

"Newton 12 Oct. 1857

"Mr. President. The committee appointed by the 'Newton
"Young Men's Christian Association' to nominate a list
"of officers for the ensuing year, having attended to that
"duty, would report the following names,

"For President, Rev. Mr. Stevens Perry,
"For Vice Presidents, B. F. Bacon,
L. E. Chase,
"For Corresponding &c., J. W. Sykes,
"For Recor. &c., H. K. Symmes,
"For Treasurer, Chas. E. Billings,
"For Librarian, J. S. Potter,
"For Directors, J. F. Potter Jr., Grace Ch,
E. T. Billings, Eliot Ch.
Wm. J. Gilbert, 1st Cong. Ch,

"all of which is respectfully
"submitted. (Signed) H. K. Symmes, L. E. Chase, J. W. Sykes

On Motion of Mr R. W. Holman the report was accepted and laid on the table for further action,

The Lecture report was called from the table. But the Association took no action upon the report,

Mr. Butts moved, and it was voted that we have a box, and that members names be drawn therefrom, the person so drawn to deliver the regular monthly lecture before the Association,

There being no further business, the President announced the question for discussion to be,

"Resolved that the use and dissemination of Evil has
"Contributed more toward civilization and human progress
"than that of Good"

The question was argued in the affirmative by Messrs R. W. Holman and J. W. Sykes, on the negative by Messrs. E. A. Smallwood and J. E. Butts, Jr, The question being taken it was decided in the negative without a count,

The President announced as the question for discussion at the second Monday evening in Nov. the following "Resolved, that the influence of parties, and the exercise of "party spirit is prejudicial to the well being of a state" the disputants appointed are N. B. Symmes, and J. H. Knyphy in the affirmative, T. Davis, and Geo. W. Bacon in the negative, at 9. 10. a.m.

J. W. Sykes
Secretary.

Clinton Monday Evening Oct 19, 1857

The Association was called to order at 8 10 o'clk by the President Mr Perry, who read a portion of scripture and offered prayer, after which the record of the previous meeting was read and approved. The Secretary then read the Annual report of the Board of Directors as follows,

In looking over the year through which we have just passed we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God for his blessing which has been bestowed upon us. It has been by his care that we have been preserved and his goodness that we have been spared through this the first year of our existence as a society.

A year ago many of the young men in the various Churches were impressed with the necessity of an Association partaking of this character. There are in our town many young men who are in a measure without the influence of religious Associations. It would seem fitting that Christian young men should endeavor to reach these & extend to them - and bring them under religious influences. Young men have an influence over those of their own age possessed by no others and it is an influence that should be elevated. For this purpose Young Mens Christian Associations have been formed in our principle cities.

With this desire for the spiritual welfare of others there was mingled a desire for our own improvement. With us this was a prominent object. We have felt that these two objects might be united and that while we sought our own mental and moral improvement we might at the same time labor for the good of others.

With these objects in view a meeting was held in the Vestry of the Eliot Church on the Evening of Sept 25th 1836, at which it was resolved to form a "Young Mens Christian Association". A Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution. This Committee reported & after some Amendments on Oct 20th the Constitution was adopted and the following Officers Elected

President Wm Stevens Perry of Grace Church
Vice Presidents B F Bacon of Eliot Church
Wm E. Farwell of Baptist Ch Watertown
Corresponding Secretary C.E. Billings of Eliot Church

Recording Secretary	J W Sykes	of Eliot Church
Treasurer	F H Kingsbury	of 1st Congregational Ch
Librarian	J Sturgis Potter	of Eliot Church
Directors	Lewson & Chase	of Eliot Church
	James E Bullock	of Grace Church
	Geo F Stone	of 1st Congl Church

On May 18 Mr Billings resigned his post as Corresponding Secretary and Mr Horace K Symmes was Elected to fill the vacancy These officers form the Board of Directors to whose care is entrusted the property and interests of the Association. The Committee on Rooms selected the small Vestry of the Eliot Church as the best place suitable for the uses of the Association that could be procured. The exclusive use of the Room was secured to our Association Excepting always when required by the Church or Society - The Parish Committee assuring us that the Charge should be only sufficient to cover the cost of fire and light. The Association has furnished the rooms in a suitable and comfortable manner at a cost of $64,38 all of which was promptly met by fees from new members and subscriptions from old members so that no debt has been incurred

After the organization of the Association a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the Meetings and the Exercises thereat. There was a difference of opinion among the members as to these Meetings. Some were of the opinion that all the Meetings should partake of a devotional Character - While others felt the Majority of some Meetings of a more varied Character. It was argued that there were many young men who would come to a debate or Lecture who would not attend a devotional Meeting If these should come to Meetings of the former Character they might becoming acquainted with members - be the more Easily induced to attend a Prayer Meeting or Bible Class. Others among felt the need of such Meetings for their own improvement. The Committee taking the various views

Also Committee reported the following programme
of Meetings for each month —
On the first Monday Evening a Devotional Meeting
On the second Monday Evening a Debate
On the third Monday evening a Bible Class
On the fourth Monday evening a Lecture or such
other Exercise as the Committee may determine.
This programme was adopted and the next Evening
and hour a Prayer meeting was held of which the
Secretary has preserved a full report from which it
appears that a most excellent spirit was manifested
and the blessing of Almighty God sought on the
undertaking. Most assuredly those prayers have been
answered and our thanks are due to God for his
goodness to us. The regular monthly prayer meeting
commenced on Dec 1st and have been continued
It has happened occasionally that we have had a
fifth Monday Evening and on these occasions we
have held an extra devotional meeting. The one
occurring June 29 was held at Newton Centre at
which there was a very general attendance
One prayer meeting has been held in the Large
Vestry of the Eliot Church (May 4th) But the
attendance was small — Indeed we have occasion
to lament that attendance at all our devotional
meetings has been limited. The public have not attended
Our Christian friends have not responded to our general
invitations. Yet those few, (sometimes but enough to
claim the promise) who have attended have felt that
these meetings have been deeply interesting. There has
been a spirit of brotherly affection and a free
Communing with each other which has warmed
our hearts. We have heard the words of one who
had just found his Savior. We cannot tell — he
may not know how instrumental the Association

was in this Convention but it is a cause of rejoicing that it has been blessed in being in some small degree a cause of that event —

The Debates have been well attended. They have been of great service in drawing out the members and giving them habits of thought. The following questions have been discussed —

On Dec 8th "Which has been the more abused race in the settlement of this Country the Negro or the Indian"

Jan 13 — "Was the action of the late San Francisco Vigilance Committee justifiable?"

Feb 9 "Do public holidays exert a beneficial influence upon mankind generally?"

March 9. "Is knowledge power?"

May 11 — "Was the treatment of the Indians by the New England forefathers justifiable?"

June 8 — "Which are the stronger the influences tending to perpetuate or those tending to dissolve the Union"

July 13 Does without talent or force of circumstances exert the greater influence in making men famous

Sept 14 — "Which the better promotes the cause of temperance a prohibitory or a license law?"

Oct 12 — "Resolved that the use and dissemination of Gold has contributed more toward Civilization and human progress than that of Iron"

The attendance at these meetings for discussion has been very good. The first meeting of the Class in Biblical Literature was held Dec 18th The Class selected for consideration the life of St Paul and through the year have followed the Apostle through his journeys and Missionary labors. The subject is not yet exhausted. These meetings though thinly attended have been of deep interest. Indeed the Board considers these the most interesting of all the meetings. Lectures have been

delivered on the fourth Monday Evening of Each month as follows

Dec 22 Wm Stevens Perry
"Subject the Puritans and Puritanic spirit of the middle ages"

January 26 James E Butts Jr
Subject — "The Indian Mounds"

Feb 23 James W Sykes
Subject "The true Story of New England" March 23rd B F Baem — Subject "An address to young Men" April 27 — Chas A Kingsbury Subject — "Natural Philosophy" — May 25 Chas E Billings Subject — "The Modern Heroes" — June 22 A K Symmes a Poem. Subject — "Reform" July 27 — The Exercises were of a varied character as follows — A Declamation by Chas E Billings — An Essay — "The sum of the Commonwealth" by Jas W Sykes — An Essay — "True Liberty" by Wm Elchum, An Essay — "The origin of the Pilgrim band who landed at Plymouth Rock" by Wm J Gilbert — Valedictory by Leroson E. Chase. It behooves your Directors to speak with modesty of the character of these lectures as the names of members of the Board appear quite often in the list — But we may say that the lectures were well received by good audiences and that they displayed an unusual amount of ability On the Evening of Sept 28th the members of the Association with their friends met at the house of the President by invitation and spent the evening in Social Conversation and the cultivation of mutual acquaintance It will be seen by the Report of the Treasurer that there is a balance in his hands. It is a matter of Congratulation that we have maintained no debt and that we have been enabled notwithstanding our large

Expenditures - to pay as we go - The Association has as yet no library. The subject has been spoken of among the members but no steps have been taken towards the collection or procuring of one. Our Association is now in a prosperous condition. A year ago we had but seventeen members now we have forty six. We have the good wishes of our Christian friends and the favor of the community. It behooves us to use the advantages we enjoy so as to do the most good and to forward our Masters Cause. We have not yet come up to the full measure of our duty. The Constitution states as the duty of Members that they endeavor to interest the Churches and Congregations with which they may be connected in the objects and interests of the Association. We have in our various Churches many young Christians who if united with us in this Association would not only secure much advantage to ourselves but also their own improvement - Thus increasing and using their power to do good. We have also in our Congregations many young men who should be sought out and brought under just such religious influences as our Association affords. They may be better reached by persons of our own ages than by others -
We have in our Village those who but seldom attend Church - young men whose eternal interests are as valuable as our own - Whose destruction will be sure if they are not lost to the fear of the Cross -
Brothers We are in a sense and perhaps in a larger sense than we can know - our brothers keepers It is in our power to reach these young men it is our duty to exercise this power - Shall we not do it? -
Let the coming year witness a great zeal in this work and let our Association be instrumental in raising many souls to a glorious hope in our Redeemer. -

On behalf of the Board

(Signed) J.M. Sykes Secretary

Oct 19 1887

The Corresponding Secretary then presented the following report

To the Newton Young Mens Christian Association Building — Your Corresponding Secretary having attended to the duties of his office would respectfully submit the following report —

Have written seven letters in all one to each of the following Associations — viz — Dubuque Iowa Philadelphia Penn. New York City — San Francisco Cal. Providence R.I. Rock Island Ill. and Boston Mass Have received in reply one letter from the Association at Philadelphia also a copy of their last Annual Report — A copy of the last Annual report of the Association at New York. and a copy of the last Annual report of the Boston Association. Most of the letters written are of recent date and will probably be answered in due time. All the letters written have been copied and remain for the inspection of the Association

Respectfully submitted by

W. H. Seymour Cor. Sec. N.Y. Mns. A.

The Treasurer being called upon presented his report as follows.

Received from members of fees	$41,00
Subscriptions	36,00
Total	77,00
Expended for furniture — — —	64,38
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of	$12,62

(Signed) F. H. Wingsburg Treas
N.Y. Mns. C.A.

Christmas Eve Oct 17. 1857

Their reports were severally accepted and ordered to be
entered upon the minutes of the Association. The Committee
Committee then reported as follows —

Mr President

The committee to whom was assigned
the duty of providing speakers for the proposed Anniversary
beg leave to report. — That they have failed owing to
previous engagements on the part of the Clergymen applied
to — procuring suitable speakers for the occasion.
And in view of this fact and the general depression
of the community rendering all public meetings of this
kind distasteful and liable to failure. They unanimously
recommend that the Association omit the present
year any public Celebration, and that instead an
Extra devotional Meeting be held particularly with a
view to the Existing state of things in our land, in this
Vestry on the coming monday Evening. All of which is
respectfully submitted by

W K Symmes
Wm Stevens Perry
J W Sykes
} Anniversary Committee

The report upon motion of Mr W. J. Hibbert was accepted
and the recommendation in regard to the next meeting
adopted. — Upon motion the Association then proceeded
to the Election of officers with the following result —

For President	Rev. W. Stevens Perry	of Grace Church
Vice Pres's	B. F. Baum	of Christ Church
"	L. C. Chase	of Christ Church
Corresponding Secretary	J. W. Sykes	of Christ Church
Recording Secretary	W. K. Symmes	of Christ Church
Treasurer	C. E. V. Billings	of Christ Church

For Librarian E. S. Billings of Christ Church
Directors J. E. Rutter of Grace Church
H. W. Bacon of Christ Church
Geo F. Stone of 1st Congl Church

The officers with the exception of Librarian were chosen upon the first Ballot, and that office was Elected after a closely contested struggle upon the fourth Ballot there being several candidates in the field. After the Election of officers it was voted upon motion of Mr J. W. Sykes that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to procure such Clergymen as they see fit to deliver sermons before the Association on Sabbath evenings during the coming winter. The Chair appointed on this committee Messrs J. W. Sykes and J. E. Rutter Jr. The President then proceeded to draw the name of a Lecturer to Lecture on the fourth Monday evening of Nov The name of W. J. Gilbert was drawn and that gentleman being present accepted the appointment The name of Mr H A Newhall was then drawn for a lecture on the fourth Monday Evening of Dec

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned at 8 20/60 o'clk

H K Symmes Sec'y

Newton Monday Evening Oct 26. 1857

The regular monthly meeting for prayer was held at the room of the Association this Evening. The meeting was called to order at 8 30/60 o'clk. The 6th Chapter of Matt was read by the President after which prayer was offered and remarks made by the following Persons. Prayer - C E Billings Exhortation Rev W. S. Perry. Prayer & Exhortation - W J Gilbert Prayer & Exhortation J. W. Sykes. Exhortation - C E Billings - Prayer H. K. Symmes. Benediction - Rev W S Perry

At 9 o'clk adjourned

H K Symmes Sec

Newton Monday Evening Nov 2nd 1857

The Association met this evening at their room for Devotional Exercises. The meeting was called to order at 8.40 o'clock, by Lewson E Chase Vice President and the Exercises commenced by singing the 85th Hymn, after which Prayer was offered by C E Billings. Mr Chase then read the 6th Chapter of the gospel according to St Matthew, after which the 76th Hymn was sung. Remarks were then made by L E Chase, on the portion of Scripture read. Prayer was then offered by Jas W. Sykes, and remarks made by C E Billings, after which J H Staples offered prayer. Mr F A. Benson then made some remarks in regard to our duty as an Association. The remarks of Mr Benson were followed by remarks from Jas W. Sykes, & Deacon Woodard. Mr Chase then announced as the subject for our consideration at the next devotional meeting the 12th Chapter of St Johns gospel. At 8.40 o'clock the meeting adjourned

W W Sykes
Secretary

Newton Monday Evening Nov 9. 1857

The Association was called to order at 7.40 o'clk by Lewson E Chase Vice President. A portion of Scripture was read by Mr Chase and prayer offered by Jas W. Sykes. The Chairman then called for the reading of the records of the previous meeting. Upon request of the Secretary it was voted to excuse him from reading that part of the records relating to the Annual Report of the Board of Directors, and the Report of the Revival Committee as they are embodied in the Annual Report. The records of the meetings held for Devotional Exercises

on Monday Evening Oct 26th and on Monday Evening Nov 2nd were read and approved, after the correction of an error in regard to the portion of scripture read on Monday Evening Oct 26. The meeting being then open for business Bro J.W. Sykes proposed the following Amendment to the Constitution

"That section 7th of Article 2nd be numbered section 8th and that the following be inserted as section 7th." Any member of the Association may propose the name of an applicant for membership at any of its regular meetings, but a vote shall not be taken thereon until the second regular meeting succeeding; when a vote of two thirds of the members present, shall be required to elect said applicant.

The meeting voted to accept the proposed amendments and and to take a vote on the same, four weeks hence. Upon motion of Bro Sykes it was then voted that the provisions of the Amendment be followed in the admission of new members, until such time as a vote be taken on the subject. Bro E.S. Billings then proposed the name of Deacon E Woodward as an member of the applicant for membership.

The President then proceeded to draw the name of Reader for the fourth Monday Evening in Dec. The drawing resulted in the appointment of Bro J Hugo Potter. There being no other business before the meeting the secretary read the following question for Discussion this Evening, "Resolved that the influence of parties, and the exercise of party spirit, is prejudicial to the well being of a State". The Affirmative was sustained by Bros H K. Symms and C E Billings. The Negative by Bros Wm Budd, S.W. Bacon, J.W. Sykes, & J.E. Butler.

At 55 minutes past 8 o'clock a vote was taken on the merits of the question — one voting in the Affirmative and three in the negative.

The committee then proposed the following question for discussion on the present Monday Evening of Dec.

"Can the Drama be wholly worthy of Christian support", and appointed as disputants on the affirmative Bro's W. Sykes, and C. E. Billings On the negative Bro's W. J. Gilbert and F. A. Ringsburg. The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the minutes for the Bible Class one week hence, and upon request of the Secretary Bro W. Sykes read read the same as follows

To Bro W. Bacon

The journey to Athens, the City and its historic associations and grographical position. The market place, Paul alone in Athens, His musings and his hopes

To A. K. Symmes

The historic associations of Mars Hill. The scene on that hill. Pauls speech. The opening of the speech. Is it rightly or even intelligibly rendered in our Version, How does the right rendering of it prove the skill of Paul in striving to commend himself, and his doctrine to his hearers

To C. E. Billings

Departure from Athens, the Athenian Converts. - the early history of the Athenian Church. Paul at Corinth, arrival of Aquilla and Priscilla, opposition from the Jews

To W. J. Gilbert

Reasons for supposing the first and second Epistles of the Thessalonians to have been written from Corinth and at this time

(his first visit there) Analysis of this
Contents —

To John Warner

Growth, its history, wealth,
education, morals. The tumult. Gallio's Course,
was it Commendable. The return to Jerusalem,
the points of interest visited in the route —
Return to Antioch (Acts XVIII-21)

To B F. Bacon

Third journey through the interior
of Asia Minor. Departure from Antioch, journey
through Phrygia and Galatia, (Acts 18. 23)
Apollos at Ephesus & Corinth. Arrival of Paul
at Ephesus. The baptism of John (Acts 18.25)
Compare (19. 3). How long did the party of
disciples of John last in the Church

To Mr E. F. Billings

The School of Tyrannus, Miracles,
Ephesian Magic. The exorcists and the burning of
the books. At 9 o'clk the Association adjourned

W. H. Seymour
Secretary

Newton Sabbath Evening Nov 15, 1857

Services in the Eliot Church this Evening as follows
Voluntary on the organ at 7 o'clk. Singing the 32d
Hymn. Prayer by the Pastor. Singing the 55 Hymn
Sermon by the Pastor from the following text. "Be not
deceived. God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man
soweth that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6. 7) Prayer.
Singing, 247 Hymn & Benediction

W. H. Seymour
Secretary

Newton Monday Evening Nov 16. 1857

The Association was called to order at 7.40 o'clk by the Secretary and Bro J.W. Sykes appointed Chairman "pro tem". A portion of scripture was read by the Chairman and prayer offered by Bro W Bacon. The records of the previous meeting were then read and approved. H Whipple proposed the Name of Mr Henry Lambert as an applicant for membership. Voted upon motion of Jas E Bull jr that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev J.W. Wellman for the sermon preached before the Association on Sabbath Evening Nov 15. and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the same to him in writing. There being no other business before the meeting the following gentlemen reported on their several allotments of the history of St Paul. G.W. Bacon, H Whipple, E.E Billings, Wm J. Libby and Jas W. Sykes for Messrs John Warren and B.F. Bacon. The exercises of the Bible class closed with a report from E.T. Billings. The Secretary then read the allotments for the Bible Class four weeks hence.

To Rev Wm Emlen — "The length of Pauls residence in Ephesus. (Acts 19.21) What reasons are there for supposing the first Epistle to the Corinthians to have been written about the close of these three years. The circumstances which occasioned the writing of this Epistle"

To Rev Wm Stevens Perry "Analysis of the first Epistle to the Corinthians"

To Mr Jas W. Sykes — "Description of Ephesus. Its religious institutions. The temple of Diana. its history, and form"

To Rev F.A. Benson — "The image which fell from heaven (Acts 19.35) The shrines and the craftsmen. The cause of the uproar. the person of the year (Acts 19.21 The tumult. its progress and its close"

To Mr F. A. Wingsbury - "Paul at Troas. On passage to Macedonia. His Ephesian Companions. (Acts 20. 4.) He proceeds to Philippi. The Collection for the poor Christians in Judea. Journey from Macedonia by Illyricum to Greece."

To Dea E Woodward - "Second Epistle to the Corinthians. Its object. Analysis of its Contents"

At 8.55 oclock the Association adjourned

Secretary

Newton Monday Eve Nov 23. 1857

The Association was called to order at 35 minutes past 7 oclk, by Mr L.E. Chase Vice President. A portion of Scripture was by Mr Chase, and prayer offered by Mr John Warner. Deacon E Woodward was then unanimously elected a member of the Association. The Chairman then proceeded to draw the name of a Lecturer for the fourth Monday evening in January. The drawing resulted in the appointment of Mr J. F. Withington. Mr J Sturgis Potter then declined the appointment to lecture on the fourth Monday evening in Dec, and the name of Mr E.A. Kingsbury was drawn to fill the vacancy. Mr J.W. Lyon being called upon read a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Y.Ms.C.A. in Philadelphia one from the Y.Ms.C.A. in Lynn, and one from the Young Mens Christian Association in Washington D.C. Mr G.A. Davis proposed the name of Mr Henry Lord, as an applicant for membership in this Association. F.H. Symmes proposed the name of Mr John M. Hart as an applicant for membership. There being no other

the speaker of the evening for the W. J. Gilbert proceeded to deliver a lecture on "Waiting". The speaker reminded his hearers in a very pleasant manner, of some of the good times past, and gave some very useful hints in regard to the future. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the evening, he was greeted by a large and attentive audience, a goodly proportion of which was Ladies, proving beyond the shadow of a doubt, the popularity of the speaker with them. — At the close of the lecture the Association listened to some remarks from Bro F. A. Brown, in regard to the doctrines set forth by the speaker. At 20 minutes past 8 o'clk the Association adjourned.

Secretary

The Association (Boston Monday Evening Nov 30th 1857 was called to order at 20 minutes past 8 o'clock by Lucian E Chase Vice President. Sl 179 Hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Bro K. Symmes. Mr Chase then read the second Chapter of the 1st Epistle of John. Prayer was then offered by J. H. Staples — Remarks by L. E. Chase — Singing of the 76 Hymn — Prayer by Wm. J. Gilbert — Remarks by H. Wilgymmes — Prayer by J. Walton — Remarks by W. J. Gilbert — Prayer by E. F. Billings — Prayer by E. F. Billings — Remarks by L. E. Chase — Closed by singing the 69 Hymn — Bro Chase selected the 15 Chapter of St John as the portion of scripture to be read at the next meeting for Monday Evening, At 25 minutes to 9 o'clk the Association adjourned

Secretary

Newton Monday Evening Dec 7. 1857

The Association was called to order at 35 minutes past 7 o'clk. by the President Mr Perry; who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The Record of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary, and approved by the meeting. Messrs John M Hart & Henry C. Lord were unanimously Elected members of the Association. It was voted upon motion of James E Butts Jr, that the vote whereby we voted to draw the Lectures by lot, be reconsidered; and the matter refered back to the Board of Directors. Mr Chas A. Knigsbury having declined the appointment to Lecture on the 4th Monday Evening of Dec, Mr E T. Billings was appointed instead. It was then voted that the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted. viz- "That section 7th of Article 6th be numbered section 8th, and that the following be inserted as section 7th.

"Any member of the Association may propose the name of an applicant for membership, at any of its regular meetings, but a vote shall not be taken thereon, until the second regular meeting succeeding; when a vote of two thirds of the members present, shall be required to elect said applicant. There being no other business before the meeting the Secretary read the following question for Debate — "Can the Drama be made entirely worthy of Christian support." The Aff was ably argued by Messrs Jas W. Lyke Chas E. Billings, Wm " Budd & Jas E. Butts Jr. The negative by Messrs Wm J. Gilbert. L E. Chase John Warner & F A Benson. The question was

of 8 to 5. Mr Deacon T. Bacon proposed the name of Mr Henry E. Cobb as an applicant for membership. Mr James E. Batt Jr was then appointed to deliver a Lecture before the Association on the fourth Monday Evening in Jan. The President read the following question for discussion the second Monday Evening in January. — viz — "Was the final triumph of Rome over Carthage better calculated to advance the Civilization of the world than would have been the reverse" Messrs G.W. Bacon and J.L. Potter were appointed disputants in the affirmative, and, Messrs John Mann and Wm. Build on the negative. At 15 minutes past 9 o'clk the Association adjourned

W. Lyon Secretary

Mr Henry Lambert was unanimously Elected a member of the Association this eve.

Newton Monday Evening Dec 14. 1857

The Association was called to order at 1/4 to 8 o'clock by the President who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The Records of the previous meeting were then read and approved. It was voted upon motion of H.N. Lyons, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Deacon Nathaniel Wiles for the liberal present of 15 volumes of Books to the Association, and also that Deacon Wiles be elected an honorary member of the Association. Voted upon motion of Mr. Jas W. Lyon that the books received from Deacon Wiles be referred to the care of the Librarian. The Secretary being called upon read the appointments for the Parlor Class for this Evening. The following gentlemen were present and participated on the part allotted to them Messrs Wm Build, Rev W.S. Perry, Jas W. Lyon, and Deacon E. Woodward. Mr C.E. Filling read a manuscript

for Mr F. A. Benson, and Rev W. S. Perry reported for Mr J. H. Kingsbury. Mr. Wm Graves was proposed as an applicant for membership in this Association by Mr Jas E. Butts Jr. Upon motion of Mr. Jas H. Lykes, it was voted that a committee be appointed to consider the practicability of procuring a library, and to solicit donations thereof. The President appointed on this committee Messrs Jas H. Lykes, Jas E. Butts Jr. and H K. Symmes.

The President then read the following allotment for the Bible Class to be held on the third Monday Evening in January

To Mr Wm. J. Gilbert — The Epistle to the Galatians The occasion of its composition - time and place - Notices of subsequent traces of Antinomianism in the History of the Church.

To Mr John Wanna — St Paul again at Corinth - The punishment of the offenders. The subsequent character and history of the Corinthian Church - The completion of the collection for the Christians of Palestine. How aided by the Achaian Church as illustrated by 1st Corinthians 16th, 2nd — 2nd Cor 8th 10th and 9th 2nd

To Mr James E. Butts — The bearer of the "Epistle to the Romans" from Corinth to Rome — Her station in the Church at Corinth — Notices of the office of Deaconesses in the early Church. Same revived in the Lutheran Church in modern times — The practicability of the introduction of a Protestant order of "Sisters of Charity" without the objectionable vows of celibacy, but with under rules and regulations & authority

To Mr J. H. Staples — The Epistle to the Romans - occasion of its composition - Early history of the Roman Church - Analysis of the Contents of the Epistle - Blind feelings of St Paul does it [illegible]

To [illegible] R Symmes.

Scriptural and biographical notices of the persons & names mentioned by St Paul, at the conclusion of the Epistle to the Romans

To Rev Wm B. Hooper —

The Corinthian Games — Paul's familiarity with their Customs, as displayed in his frequent allusions to them in his Epistles.

At 15 minutes past 9 o'clock the Association adjourned

W R Symmes
Secretary

Newton Corday Evening Dec 21, 1854

The Association met this Evening in the Eliot Church to listen to a sermon by the Rev E.N. Kirk D.D. The Church was filled to its utmost Capacity, and the audience listened attentively to a service of 1 1/2 hours in length. The subject of the discourse is recorded in the Seventh Chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew from the 24th to the 27th verse —

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them shall be likened to a man which built his house upon a rock" &c

W R Symmes
Sec.

Boston Monday Evening Dec 28. 1857

The Association was called to order at 35 minutes past 7 o'clock by the President Mr Perry, who read a portion of Scripture, and offered prayer. The records of the previous meeting were then read and approved. Mr James W. Sykes then proposed the name of Mr James Burrill as an applicant for membership. A vote was then taken on the names of Henry E. Cobb and William Graves proposed at a previous meeting as applicants for membership to the Association. The vote resulted in the election of Mr Cobb and the rejection of Mr Graves. Voted upon motion of H K. Symmes that Mr James S Withington continue a member of the Association and be exempt from payment of fees until such time as he shall be able to attend the meetings. Voted upon motion of Mr J E Butts that a vote of thanks be tendered to Rev Edward Everett, for the able sermon delivered by him before the Association on Monday Evening Dec 21st.

The President then announced as the lecture for the fourth Monday Evening in Feb, Mr George W. Bacon, and gave notice of the lecture of Mr James E. Butts Jr, to be delivered before the Association on the fourth Monday evening in Jan. Mr Wm J. Gilbert having declined his appointment in the Bible class for the third Monday Evening in January, Mr Henry C. Lord was appointed in his place.

At 25 minutes past 8 o'clock the Association adjourned. There being no other business before the meeting the Pres- ident introduced as the speaker for the Evening Mr E. S. Billings who proceeded to deliver a lecture on the Life & Character of Daniel Webster. The lecture was listened to with close attention and

H K Symmes Sec

to any the best, was a clear, comprehensive, and instructive production. The lecture closed his remarks by calling upon his friends to imitate the example of one so worthy of their esteem, and when engaged in the cause of right, to let no difficulty discourage them. After the lecture Mr Benson made some remarks to the younger members of the Association of an encouraging character.

Voted upon motion of Mr J. W. Sykes that the President be "ex officio" member of the Library Committee

H K Sykes Sec'y

Newton Monday Evening Jan 4. 1858

The regular monthly Prayer meeting of the Association was held this Evening at the Hall of the Association. The meeting was opened with prayer by the President. The second Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew was read by the President who made some remarks upon the Scripture just read. Remarks were made and prayer offered by Jas W. Sykes. Prayer offered by H K Symmes. Prayer by J H Slaples. Remarks and prayer by Mr F A. Benson

At 8 ½ o'clk the Association adjourned

H K Sykes Sec'y

Newton Monday Evening Jan 11. 1858

Messrs Terry, Sikes, C C, & E. Riling, Wm Etchison & H K Symmes, met at the Hall of the Association this Evening. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather a quorum could not be obtained and no business was done

H K Sykes Sec'y

Newton Monday Evening Jan 16th 1865

This being the regular Evening for the Bible Class Mess. Perry, Sykes, Stone, Smith, Staples, Cox & Estes, Bigelow, Hunt, & Symmes met at the Hall of the Association. Not being a quorum present no business was done

H K Symmes Sec

Newton Sabbath Evening Jan 24. 1865

The Association met this Evening in Smith Hall to listen to a Sermon by the Rev J S. Copley, Swan. The Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and large numbers were obliged to go away for want of room. The preacher selected for his text the following words found recorded in the Seventh Chapter of St Marks gospel 27th verse. "The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath". The sermon though long was listened to with deep interest, and it is to be hoped the duties of professed Christians and others so plainly set forth on this occasion will be better performed in future

H K Symmes Sec

Newton Monday Evening Jan 25th 1865

The Association was called to order at 7½ o'clk by the President Mr Perry who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. It was then voted upon motion of Jas M. Sykes that the reading of the Records and all other business be postponed until the next business meeting. The Committee whose duty it is to determine the Expenses at the meetings, reported the order of Expenses for the fourth Monday Evening in March, as follows

To Mr Geo H. Bacon An Essay — Subject "The Energizing power of a true faith in Christ".

To Mr Chas E. Billings "A Declamation"

To A K. Symmes An Essay — Subject — "Temperance vs Total Abstinence"

To Mr Frances Murdock "A Declamation"

To Mr A K. Wethnell An Essay — Subject — "Is the United States Government a Republic or a Democracy"

To Jas Wm Sykes An Essay — Subject — "Scientific"

To Mr E A. Smallwood "A Declamation"

To Mr R W. Hoffman An Essay — Subject — "The power of a Holy life"

The President then introduced as the speaker of the evening, Mr James E Potts Jr, who proceeded to deliver a lecture upon the subjugation and final extermination of the Natchez. The Hall was filled to its utmost capacity and notwithstanding the length of the production, the audience remained attentive to the last, thereby proving the interesting character of the lecture. It was evident from

character of the lecture that it must have cost the Author considerable labor, for which we hope he considered himself sufficiently rewarded by enjoying the presence of so large and attentive an audience.
After the lecture Mr Jas W. Sykes made a brief report of the doings of the "Library Committee"
At 8½ o'clk the Association adjourned.

W K Sykes " Sec "

Newton Monday Evening Feb 1. 1858
The Association met this evening at their room for Devotional Exercises. The meeting was called to order at 35 minutes past seven o'clk by the President Mr Terry who read the 20th Chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew Remarks were made upon the portion of scripture read, and prayer offered by several members of the Association. The President announced as the subject of the next Devotional meeting the 25 Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew commencing at the 21st verse
At 8½ o'clk the Association adjourned

W K Sykes " Sec "

Newton Monday Evening Feb 8. 1858
The Association was called to order at 15 minutes past 7 o'clk by the President, who read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The Records of the meetings held Dec 28th 1857 and Jan 25. 1858 were read and approved. After the reading of the minutes

Mr James E Butts offered the following Resolution in regard to the record of the meeting held Dec 28th 1870 -
"Whereas in consequence of certain mistakes in counting and recording the vote of the Association on the question of Mr Graves' Election it is impossible at this time to ascertain the true nature of the said vote" -
"Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to expunge from the minutes all mention of the said vote". After some discussion the resolution was adopted. Mr James E Butts then offered the following resolution -
"Whereas at a regular business meeting of the Association holden in the month of December last past it was voted that the Constitution of this Association should be amended so as to restrict the admission of members - and whereas it does not appear that in passing said amendment, the terms of Article 7th of the Constitution were complied with, which require a notification of the members by the reading whereof an amendment is to be acted upon, and consequently said amendment could not have been legally acted upon at said meeting, and is consequently of no force or no Effect." - "Resolved that the Secretary record the vote of said meeting whereby said amendment was declared enacted". Discussion ensued as to whether the amendment of the Constitution would still be before the Association to be acted upon after the vote whereby it was voted to amend it should be rescinded. Mr Sykes held the question on the amendment of the Constitution would still be before the Association, after the vote whereby it was voted to amend it should be rescinded. The Chair ruled that as the amendment proposed was to be acted upon 4 weeks after the date of the meeting at which it was proposed, it could not be acted upon at any other time and consequently is not now before the Association. Mr Sykes appealed from the decision of the Chair, and a vote of the Association being taken the Chair was

A vote was then taken on the resolution and resulted in its adoption. Mr James E Bull pro then offered the following resolution. "Whereas at a regular business meeting of this Association holden in the month of November last past a vote of the members present was taken to the Effect that until the passage of a certain proposed Amendment restricting the admission of members was passed, the Society should change the mode of admission of members, and conform the same to the terms of the said proposed Amendment. — And whereas such a vote was manifestly in direct contravention to the letter of the Constitution permitting and authorizing another mode of receiving members and was also calculated to nullify and destroy the restrictions upon changes of the Constitution contained in Article 7th of said Constitution." — "Resolved that the Association hereby rescinds said vote". After a little discussion upon the resolution it was adopted. —

Voted upon motion of Mr Chas E Billings that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev J S Copley Greene for the able sermon preached by him before the Association on Sabbath Evening Jan 24th. Mr Jas H Sykes then proposed the following. — "That a Committee of 5 be appointed by the Chair whose duty it shall be to district the village and allot the districts to members in such a manner that the whole neighborhood may be canvassed in order that the names of every young man between the ages of 16 and 30 may be obtained with such items of information as may be necessary; this Committee to have full power to select canvassers and divide the ground. — The canvassers to report to the Committee and it to the Association as soon as the work shall be finished" The Association voted to accept the proposition of Mr Sykes, and the Chair appointed as Committee to district the village the Misses Emily Warner and Lottie

Voted upon motion of Mr Jas W. Sykes that the President be "Ex officio" member of the Debating Committee. Upon motion of Mr Geo H. Bacon it was voted that the Debate go by default. The Committee on appointments reported the following question for discussion, on the second Monday Evening in March — "Would it be well for Society to abolish all laws for compulsory collection of debts" and appointed as disputants; Messrs Wm Bailey and H. K. Fentress on the affirmative, and Messrs Geo H. Bacon and John Spann on the negative — Voted that the Librarian be instructed to place the Books now in his hands, in the room for the use of the Association.

At 9 minutes past 9 o'clk the Association adjourned

H K Sylvester Sec

Newton Monday Evening Feb 15, 1858

The Association was called to order 40 minutes past 7 o'clk by the President Mr Perry who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The Records of the previous meeting were then read and approved. This being the regular meeting of the Bible Class the following gentlemen reported on the parts allotted to them — as follows — viz — Rev W. S. Perry reported on the part allotted to Henry C. Lord — also on the part allotted to Mr John Spann Mr James E. Butts Jr reported on the part allotted to him. Messrs Bacon and Staples being absent it was voted upon motion of Mr Sykes that their allotments be postponed until the next meeting of the Bible Class and that the next in order be called upon to report. In accordance with the vote H K. Sylvester reported on the part allotted to him. The appointments for discussion for the meeting a week hence

[illegible] with adjourned

Appointments for the meeting of the Bible Class to be holden on the 3rd Monday Evening in March

To Mr James E Butts Jr — From Corinth to Jerusalem Acts 20th 3rd The Ingering of the Apostle at Philippi — The claims of the Philippian Church upon St Pauls attention — The design of the Ecclesiastical year — The probabilities of the celebration of the more prominent Events of our Lords life at this period of the history of the Church — Are there any fragmentary portions of St Pauls Christ have the appearance of Hymns used as Creeds Anthems in the early Church.

To Mr R. W. Emerson

The Chronology of the Voyage — The desire of St Paul to be in Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish festival of Pentecost — Acts 20-16 The Christian anniversary of the descent of the Holy Ghost — The distribution of the 49 days from the Passover to the Pentecost — viz — The 7 days at Philippi after the passover Acts 20-6 — The expression "sailed away" after the days of unleavened bread which succeeded the Passover and were of this reason proves this distinction Compare Mark 14-12. Luke 22-7. Acts 12-3 — 1st to 3rd & 8th, 5 days to Troas — Acts 20-5 last clause — One of them a "Lords day" or "First day" day of the week" From Chios to Miletus Acts 20th 15th 16th Day 2 days. At Miletus at least 2 days Acts 20th 16th to end of Chapter — From Miletus by Cos and Rhodes to Patara Acts 21-1, day & days, The voyage to Tyre would take 2 days, Acts 21-2-3, At Tyre 7 days Acts 21-4 From Tyre by Ptolemais to Caesarea Acts 21-7th & 8th 2 days, leaving 11 days for the tarrying at Caesarea with Philip the deacon, and the journey to Jerusalem which is more than enough to subsist all conditions of the narrative.

To Wm J Gilbert

The Lords day at Troas Acts 20 - 13

The New Testament titles of the Christian Sabbath - In what respect does the "Lords day" differ from the Jewish day of rest - Is the appellation Sabbath strictly applicable to the "Lords day".

To Mr William Guild

The breaking bread or celebration of the Holy Communion. How frequently was this sacrament celebrated in the Early Church. Mansions of the New Testament "Upper Chambers". The death of Eutychus - The miracle of the apostle - Its real and probable effect on the progress of the Church.

To Mr Chas K. Wetherill

St Paul at Miletus Acts 21 v. 15-38

His candid husbandry of the time - His speech to the Ephesian Presbyters. St Pauls description of his own preaching and labors a model for modern apostles and Elders - The farewell on the sea shore -

To Mr Jas W. Sykes

The progress of the journey Acts 21 c.

The landing at Tyre - its historic memories - its present desolation

To Mr L E. Chase

Caesarea - Historical notices of the sleeping place of St Paul - St Philip the Evangelist and the traditions of his death - The prophecy of Agabus and the imprisonment of St Paul

To Mr Robert L Dagg

The reception at Jerusalem
Their host in the Holy City Acts 21st 16. The visit
to St James — His position in the Church at Jerusalem
The meeting of the Presbyters of the Church at Jerusalem
Acts 21 18 Gods claims — The salutation i.e. kiss of
peace — The recital of his last 11 years labors among
the Gentiles — Recapitulate in brief some of the
most prominent events of the History of the
Church during this period (4 yrs) The founding
of the Ephesian Church — The attempted persecution
of the Salonian Converts — The dissentions at Corinth
&c. The glorifying of God on the part of the
assembly.

The foregoing is a copy of the
appointments for the Bible Class for the 3 Sundays
evenings in March

Secretary

Newton Thursday Evening Feb 18. 1858

Pursuant to call a meeting was held in the Room of
the Association this evening. The meeting was opened with
singing and Scripture and Prayer by the President.

The business for which the meeting was called,
being fully arranged satisfactorily to the regulations of
said call it was voted to adjourn

Sec

Newton Sabbath Morn Feb 21, 1858

The Association met this evening in Eld Church to
listen to a Sermon from the Rev A Hinton D.D. Text

of St Pauls Church Boston. The Sermon was pronounced from these words found recorded in the 16th Chapter of Matthew at the 26th verse. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul". The sermon was a very solemn and impressive one and was listened to by a very large audience. The conclusion of the sermon was in these words worthy of the consideration of each one of us.

"We shall meet this question again at the judgment seat of Christ"

Wm Sykes Sec
Pro. tem.

Boston Monday Evening Feb 22nd 1858

The Association met this Evening in their room. The record of the previous meeting was read and approved. Upon motion of Mr Sykes it was voted that the business to come before the Association and the exercises for this Evening be postponed one week.

Voted to adjourn

Wm Sykes Secretary pro tem

Boston Monday Evening March 1st 1858

The meeting was called to order at 35 minutes past 7 o'clk by L. E. Chase Vice President, who read a portion of Scripture after which prayer was offered. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. After which the Secretary stated to the meeting the doings of the Board of Directors - viz The election of Mr Billings to the Chair, and of Mr Henry E Cobb as Treasurer. Mr Cobb declined to serve, and the action of the Board of Directors so far as it pertained to the Election of President was refused by the Association. Messrs Sykes & Potter were appointed a committee to escort Mr Billings to the Chair. Voted upon motion of Mr Sykes that the Secretary be

instructed to tender the thanks of the Association to the Rev A H. Vinton. D.D. for the able Sermon preached by him before the Association on Sabbath Evening Feb 21st and also to the Rev J. S. C. Greene for accepting our invitation to assist Dr Vinton. The President then introduced as the Speaker of the evening Mr Wm Guild who proceeded to deliver a Lecture on the Close relation of our business pursuits to our religion. The lecture was a very instructive one, and was listened to with deep interest. Owing to the inclemency of the season and the bad condition of the Roads the audience was not as large as on some other occasions. After the lecture, the resignation of Mr Butts as one of the Library Committee was accepted — The Chair appointed Mr Guild to fill the vacancy. Mr Guild declined to serve, and Mr Holmes was appointed. The Chair then announced as the Lecturer for the fourth Monday in April Mr Lewson E. Chase. the Lecture to be followed by a short Poem by H K. Symmes. —

At 20 minutes to 9 o'clk voted to adjourn.

H K Symmes Secretary

Boston Monday Evening March 3. 1856

A Prayer meeting was held this evening at the room of the Association. It was well attended and an increasing degree of interest was manifested —

At 25 Minutes to 9 o'clk the meeting was closed

H K Symmes Secretary

Boston Monday Evening March 10. 1856

The meeting was called to order at 40 minutes past 7 o'clk by the President Mr Edwin E Bilings who read

a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The record of the previous meeting was then read and approved, after which the Secretary read the following question for discussion. "Would it be well for Society to abolish all laws for the compulsory Collection of debts" The Affirmative was ably sustained by Bro Wm Guild. The Negative was argued by Messrs. J W Sykes and A R. Wetherell, after which the question was thrown open to the meeting. Mr E A Smallwood made some remarks in the Affirmative and Messrs Wetherell, Chase, and Sykes in the Negative — At 10 minutes past 9 o'clk a vote was taken on the merits of the question deciding it in the Negative.

Mr J W. Sykes moved the following amendment to the Constitution — viz — That Section 3rd of Article 5th be amended by substituting 7 for 10. so that 7 members shall constitute a quorum, and upon that a vote be taken on this 4 weeks from this time. Mr L E. Chase then presented the President Mr L. E. Lilings with a copy of Bushing's Laws Manual in behalf of a few members of the Association. The President then announced the question for debate 4 weeks hence the following — "Ought Jesse Loring to be removed". Disputants on the Affirmative A. L. Symmes and Mr J. A. Benson. On the Negative Messrs E W. Holman and A R. Wetherell

At 9/4 o'clk voted to adjourn

Secretary

Newton Sabbath Evening March 21. 1858

The members of the Association met this evening in the Eliot Church to listen to a Sermon by Rev O S. Stearns of Newton Centre. The interior of the Church was attended by the public and the House was well filled. The text of Scripture from which the Sermon was preached is recorded in the 5th Chap of Daniel 27th verse — "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting" The Sermon was a very impressive one, and directed chiefly against the sin of [illegible] at the day of Lord with holy [illegible]

during the very bad condition of the roads the Church was not quite so well filled as on some other occasions, yet during both days solemnity that pervaded the assembly we have reason to hope that the preaching did not spend its strength for naught.

[signature] Secretary

Newton Monday Evening March 22 1858

There being no quorum of the Association present the President declared the meeting adjourned.

[signature] Sec

Newton Monday Evening March 29 1858

The meeting was called to order at 40 minutes past 7 o'clk. — President in the Chair. Scripture read and prayer offered by him. In the absence of the Secretary William J Gilbert was appointed Secretary "pro tem". The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after changing the hour of meeting to 7.40 —

Mr Sykes read a Resolution proposing a confederation of Church Associations for holding an Annual Meeting for mutual encouragement. Mr Benson moved that we join and inquire if it was expected we should be represented at such meeting. Mr Sykes replied it might be well to appoint a delegate even if he was unable to attend. It might be difficult to go this year as the meeting is to be held in So Carolina. Mr Benson framed the Resolution saying that if not able to send to South Carolina we might perhaps, to urge it (which remark the Audience seemed to appreciate and endorse) Mr Sykes opposed the Resolution on the ground that the Boston Missionary Association had withdrawn on account of the Slavery Question and some that had been prior to forming a Northern Confederation and perhaps we had better join that. The motion was then laid upon the table. Upon motion of Mr E S Billings it was voted to invite the Sisters

Church of the Association to Rev O S Stu[illegible] for the able [illegible] preached before the Association on Sabbath [illegible] Oct 21st and that the Sec be instructed to communicate the same to him in writing.

The Literary exercises of the evening commenced with an Essay by Mr F A. Brown — on Temperance vs Total Abstinence dividing the subject into 3 heads viz - Clothing, Food, & Drink. The 2nd exercise was a Declamation by Wm & F Billing. Subject The Life of Washington and the Staff of Franklin. The 3rd Exercise was a Scientific Poem by Mr James W. Sykes. The 4th a Declamation by Mr Henry Abbott. Subject — Extract from Scotts Lady of the Lake — "The Combat". 5th Declamation by Wm J Gilbert — Subject "The Modern Repeal Orator". 6 An Essay by Mr Geo W. Bacon — Subject — The Energizing power of a true faith in Christ. 7th Declamation by C E Billings — An Extract from Sumners Speech in the United States Senate, May 1856 — 8 An Essay by Mr R. F. Holman — Subject. "The power of a Holy life"

The Committee reported as before for the 4th Monday evening in May by Mr Herbert Sykes. — Subject of the Lecture — Reminiscences of California. — Voted to adopt the report.

William J Gilbert
Sec R. Tem

The above is a true copy of the Secretary's report

[signature] Secretary

Easton Monday Evening Apl 5. 1858

This being the regular evening for Devotional Services the time was spent in exhortation and prayer by members of the Association and others. We have the pleasure of having a new evidence of the love of Christ for them — Voted to have a prayer meeting on Monday Evening next instead of the Debate, as before appointed Voted to adjourn

[signature] Secretary

Newton Monday Evening Apl 12, 1869

The Association met this Evening in the middle room of Eliot Church for Devotional Exercises – Owing to the state of religious feeling in the community the meeting was more fully attended than usual. Remarks were made and Prayers offered by a large number of individuals and the meeting was one of very deep interest – The Holy Spirit was evidently present.

The President stated that the exercises for next Monday Evening would be a Prayer meeting instead of a Bible Class as before appointed. At 8½ o'clk the meeting was closed

W. Lyman Secretary

Newton Monday Evening April 19, 1869

The meeting was called to order at 40 minutes past 7 o'clk by Mr Chas E Billings the President; who read a portion of Scripture after which Prayer was offered. Instead of the Bible Class Exercise appointed for the 3rd Monday evening of the month, a Prayer meeting was held this evening, it being chosen on account of the religious feeling existing in the village. Expectations were made, and prayers offered, by several of the members of the Association, and a good spirit seemed to pervade the meeting. Rev Jas M. Bacon was present from Boston, and made some very interesting remarks in regard to the objects of the Association. The meeting closed at ¼ to 9 o'clk with the benediction by Rev J M Bacon. The President gave notice of a Prayer meeting 2 weeks from this evening.

W. Lyman Secretary

Newton Monday Evening April 26th 1858

The Association met last evening in the Eliot Church to hear a Sermon by the Rev Daniel L Furber, Pastor of the Congregational Church of Newton Centre. The subject of the Sermon was taken from the 81st Psalm 10th verse.—

"I am the Lord thy God that brot thee up out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." The preacher shd Christians were warranted in asking large blessings from God and that God was, and is well pleased with his people only when they come to him to ask great things of him.—The evening was inclement and the Church was not so well filled as on some other occasions. This Sermon was the last of the course.

W. G. Jenne Secretary

Newton Monday Evening May 3rd 1858

The regular monthly Prayer Meeting of the Association was held this evening in the small vestry of the Eliot Church at 7½ o'clk. The meeting was a very interesting one and was attended by a large number of ladies. Remarks were made and Prayers offered by several members of the Association—Dea Woodward Jas W. Sykes, L & Chase Henry E. Cobb & others. At ¼ to 9 o'clk the meeting was closed.

W. G. Jenne Secretary

Newton Monday Evening May 10.

The meeting was called to order by Mr Billings the President who read a portion of Scripture and offered Prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the President read the following Resignation.—

"Owing to the Loss of time I am from office"

The Committee was appointed by the Chair as follows: J. H. Rudyerd and A. K. Sylvester of Boston, J. W. Sykes, Henry E. Cobb of Cambridge. At 9 1/4 o'clock a vote was taken on the question of the Association, by which it was decided in the affirmative. The President then announced as the question for discussion on the second Monday evening in June the following: "Is public opinion a standard of right?" Arguments on the Affirmative by A. Sullivan and J. W. Sykes. On the Negative by Geo. H. Bacon and Geo. Osborn. At 20 minutes past 9 o'clock the Association adjourned.

W. Symmes Secretary

Boston Monday evening May 14, 1888

The Association was called to order at 8 5/60 o'clock by the President Mr Billings who read a portion of Scripture and offered Prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved. The amendment of the Constitution proposed at a former meeting was then passed, changing the number necessary for a quorum to transact business from 7 to 10. Mr J. W. Sykes then read a letter from the Boston Association inviting the members of the Association to attend the Convention to be holden in Boston one week from to-morrow. A Committee of 5 was appointed by the Chair to nominate a list of delegates to attend the Convention. The Committee reported the names of 24. Some of the members that the Association ought to be represented as a body. The members of the Committee were appointed to see each person named and add to the list all they found on the books of the Association that were not on it. The Committee then

of resolutions was then which was accepted and adopted. Voted that the Secretary be instructed to notify the members of the delegation in writing of their appointment. Voted that the thanks of the Association be tendered to Mr David Fuller for the able manner presented by him before the Association on Sabbath Evening.

The Library Committee then submitted the following report, which was accepted. Voted that the thanks of the Association be tendered to F. A. Benson Esq and Choir for attending the services and furnishing the Association with music. Voted that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Rev J W Williamson pastor of the Eliot Church and to the Standing Committee for the use of the Church so kindly granted to the Association. Voted that the exercises for the first Monday evening in the month be postponed until the second Monday evening in each month and that the exercises for the second Monday evening be dispensed with for the present. At 9 1/60 o'clk voted to adjourn

W. Lawson Secretary

Boston Monday Evening May 31. 1858

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clk by the President Rev Billings who read a portion of scripture and offered Prayer. — The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A Resolution was then passed thanking the Boston Association, for the cordial manner in which they received our delegates on the day of the Convention. — The President then introduced as the orator of the evening, Mr Lawson of Chicago, who proceeded to deliver a lecture on "Music and its influences." Something interesting was expected of Mr L. but all agree that he fell far short of their expectations and [illegible]

After the lecture Mr Jas W. Sykes read a Poem in the
progress of which he indulged quite freely in personalities
to his apparent satisfaction, and to the amusement of
a portion of his audience. He then took up the subject
of the lecture viz - "Music and its influences" and did it
Considerable credit in rhyming if not in true poetry.
The Poem as a whole was interesting, and instructive.
At 20 minutes past 9 o'clk voted to adjourn

W. Symms Secretary

Newton Monday Evening June 14. 1858
The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Mr Chase
vice President, who read a portion of Scripture and
offered prayer. Records of the previous meeting were
then read and approved. The gentlemen appointed to
lead in the debate being absent, a vote was taken to
occupy the time with miscellaneous exercises. At 9 1/4
o'clock voted to adjourn

W. Symms Secretary

Newton Monday Evening June 21. 185
The Association met this evening for devotional exercises
In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents
the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, who
read a portion of scripture, after which prayer
was offered by E. C. Billings. Remarks were made
and prayers offered by other members present.
At 9 o'clock the meeting adjourned

W. Symms Sec

Tues. Eve, Evening, Sept 25, 1838

The Association was called to order at 7 o'clk by the President Mr Billings who read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The record of the previous meeting was then read and approved — Section 3 of Article 2 of the Constitution was amended by striking out the last clause. Mr Geo L. Keyes then proposed the following Amendment to the Constitution — viz — "To strike out the word Associate in Art. 1st, and the whole of Article 3rd and 4th. The Ch[air] then put the question on the adoption of the amendment — and it was decided in the affirmative by a vote of [illegible]

Boston Monday Eve Sept 15, 1838

The Association was called to order at 7 o'clk by the President Mr Billings who read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The record of the previous meeting was then read and approved — Section 3 of Article 2 of the Constitution was amended by striking out the last clause. Mr Geo L. Keyes then proposed the following Amendment to the Constitution — viz — "To strike out the word Associate in Art. 1st, and the whole of Article 3rd and 4th. The Ch[air] then put the question on the adoption of the amendment — and it was decided in the affirmative by a vote of [illegible]

Mr Lewis & Chase then proposed the following Amendment to the Constitution, viz — that Sec 3rd of Article 2nd be amended by striking out the last clause in these words — "eligibility to office above specified". — This being in order by the rules of the meeting the Amendment was taken up for consideration at the close of the evening, Mr Jas H. Sykes who proceeded to deliver a lecture on the subject of "Life". The lecture was a valuable production and a highly interesting one — After the lecture it was voted that a new Association be formed to meet on the second Monday evening in Sept. — Mr Geo W. Bacon was appointed to deliver a lecture on the fourth Monday evening in Sept. — Voted to adjourn —

H. L. Symmes Secretary

the Association. There being no other business before the Society the President announced the following question for discussion — "Has the influence of Uncle Tom's Cabin been for good". The affirmative was argued by Misses Smallwood, Olsen, Hedgepeth, Smith & Magee. The Negative by Misses Sykes & Knight. A vote was taken on the merits of the question, 5 voting in the affirmative and 1 in the negative. The President announced as the question for discussion on another time the following, "Does a person gain anything toward the stature of a perfect upright man, by permitting himself to debate any question against his own convictions of duty!". Debutants on the affirmative Misses H. Olsen and Mary E. Cobb — On the negative A.K. Symmes & Wm. Smith, — Voted to adjourn

A.K. Symmes Sec

Boston Monday eve Sept 27, 1858

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clk by the President — Min. Sec. Reading of records, and opened prayer — The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved — Voted that the Librarian be instructed to look books to those not in arrears at the Association — Voted that a committee be appointed by the Chair to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year — The Chair appointed on this committee Miss E.A. Smallwood Mr. Smith Chair, and A.K. Symmes — A.K. Symmes delivered an Essay on "Liberty" Mr. J.E. Butts for being next called upon delivered an Essay on "Truth and false views of the nature and application of mechanical powers" Mr. J. Smith being called upon delivered an Essay on "Conformity right, and reasoning wrong" After some [illegible]

A.K. Symmes Sec

Newton Monday Eve Oct 11, 1858

The convention was called to order at 4 o'clk by the Sec'y Mr Billings who offered a prayer and read a portion of Scripture. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the correction of an error in regard to the nominating Com'tee. Voted not to amend the Constitution as proposed in meeting of Sept 13th 1858. Voted that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Constitution with a view to amending the same, and report at the next meeting of the Association. Voted that said Com'tee consist of five members to be appointed by the Chair. The Chair appointed on the Committee Messrs Wm Lincoln, Geo W. Bacon, Jas H. Stokes, Dan Estabrook and Lewis Bates. The time to adjourn having arrived it was voted to extend the time 15 minutes. The 15 minutes being consumed it was voted that the time be indefinitely extended. Mr James H. Stokes then offered a series of Resolutions for his fellow citizens. It was voted the Resolutions be adopted. Motion of Mr Stokes was called to the Chair by the Secretary. Motion was that the Resolutions be laid upon the table. Mr Stokes declared this motion out of order. Mr Billings appealed from the decision of the Chair. The meeting sustained the Chair in his decision. Dr Woodward read a letter from the Boston Association respecting decorations for the Faneuil Hall Boston, on the occasion of the Citizens Festival. Mr Billings presented a letter from the Boston Association. Voted that a Committee be appointed to answer the letter from the Boston Association and comply with the request therein contained. Voted that said Committee consist of seven members to be appointed by the Chair. The Chair called to the Chair Mr Billings, and appointed [illegible]

vacancy. Mr Murdock positively declined to serve — and the Association voted to excuse him. Mr Billings was declined and was voted excused him — Voted to reconsider the vote whereby Mr Billings was excused — Voted that Mr Billings be a member of the committee — Voted that one more be added to the committee by nomination — Mr Sykes was added to the committee, (there being the following gentlemen members of the committee — C E Billings, J M Brudyman, A K Symmes, Dea E. Edwards, and Jas W. Sykes. — Voted to adjourn. —

W. Symmes Secretary

Newton Monday Oct 18. 1858

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President Mr Billings who read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved after the correction of an error in regard to the Committee appointed to consider the case of Mr Boston J. Mr Cobb in regard to furnishing accommodations for the "Music Hall" on the occasion of the "Christmas Festival". The Secretary of the Board of Directors being called upon made a brief report of the doings of the Association during the past year — Voted that the report be referred back to the Secretary to be drawn up more at length and presented to the Board of Directors at the next meeting. The roll being called upon a portion of the Society voted and the report of the Treasurer be accepted — The Librarian being called upon reported as follows — Voted that the report of the Treasurer be accepted — Mr Symmes then offered a series of Resolutions, which were — Voted that the Resolutions be laid upon

upon the table until after the Election of officers — Voted a Committee of three be appointed Tellers and nominate a list of officers to be balloted for by the Association and Committee to be appointed by the Chair, the Chair appointed on this Committee Miss L.W. Sykes H. Cobb and

The Committee on Nominations reported the following names to be balloted for as officers for the Association the ensuing year. For Pres E.B. Smallwood For Vice Pres J.W. Emerson and D.S. Chase — For Secretary Sue E. Woodward — for Treasurer Henry Cobb — for Executive Committee Miss Lou F. Sherman Librarian E.J. Billings for Trustees Fred Davis Elect Ch Wm Emild Grace Ch and Geo Thurston Cong Ch Newton Center — Voted the report be accepted and the Committee discharged — Voted that such officers be balloted for by ballot.

The following gentlemen were elected Officers of the Association — For Pres E.B. Smallwood Esq — For Vice Pres D.S. Chase of E. Butts Jr — For Secretary Sue E. Woodward, For Treasurer Henry Cobb, For Miss Lou F. Sherman, Librarian E.J. Billings — For Trustees Fred Davis Elect Ch Wm Emild Grace Ch and Geo Thurston Cong Ch Newton Center. The time for the meeting having arrived it was voted to adjourn the meeting sine die — Voted that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the President for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office during the past year. Miss Ed Billings having resigned as Librarian and Miss Jessie W. Sykes was duly elected to fill the vacancy — Voted

Henry E. Cobb Sec'y

pro tem

P.S. I do not think the above the action that was taken at the meeting, but it is the most I could get and as it is late I go this for me to go

H.E.C.

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Newton Monday evening July 17, 1859.

The Association was called to order by the President E. A. Smallwood, who read a portion of Scripture & offered prayer. In the absence of the Sect. C. C. Billings was appointed protem. Records of the previous Meeting read & approved. Voted to return Books in the library to the original donors. Mrs Butts, Potter & Billings appointed to committee to attend to this duty. Voted to send all money in the hands of the Treasurer to Mr Pease of New York. Voted to sell to the Elect Sabbath School all fixtures belonging to the Ass, & send proceeds to Mr Pease of N Y, & that Mrs Potter & Billings attend to the duty. Voted that the Association be now dissolved.

C. C. Billings